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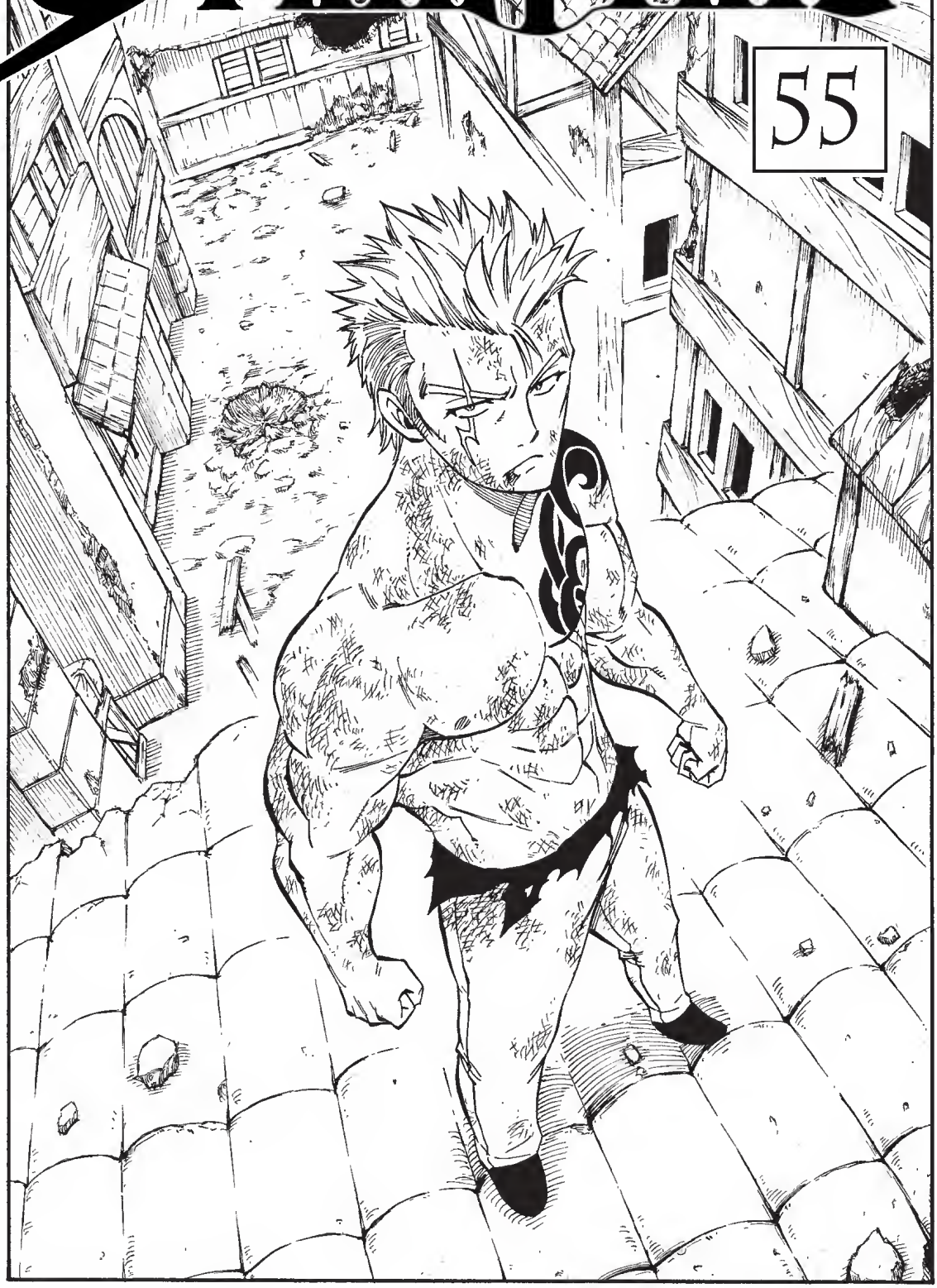

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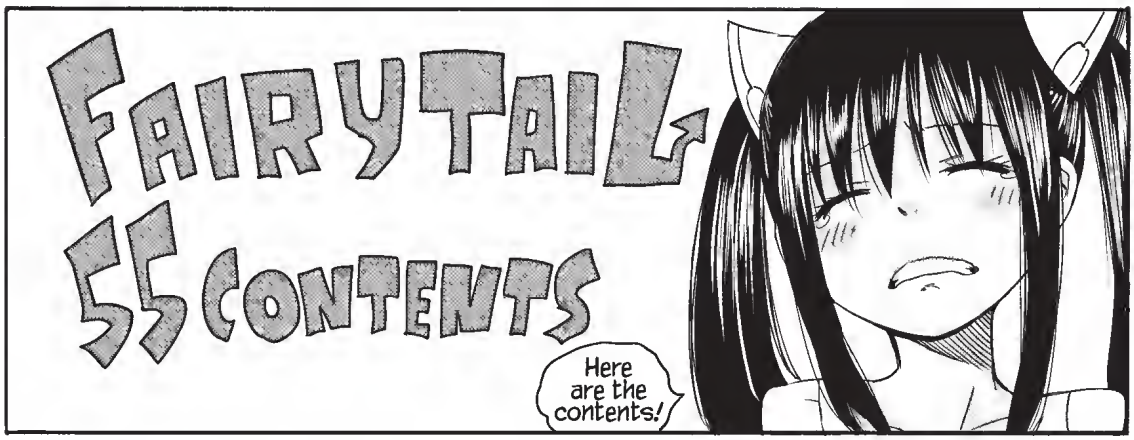

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Chapter 465: 400 Years

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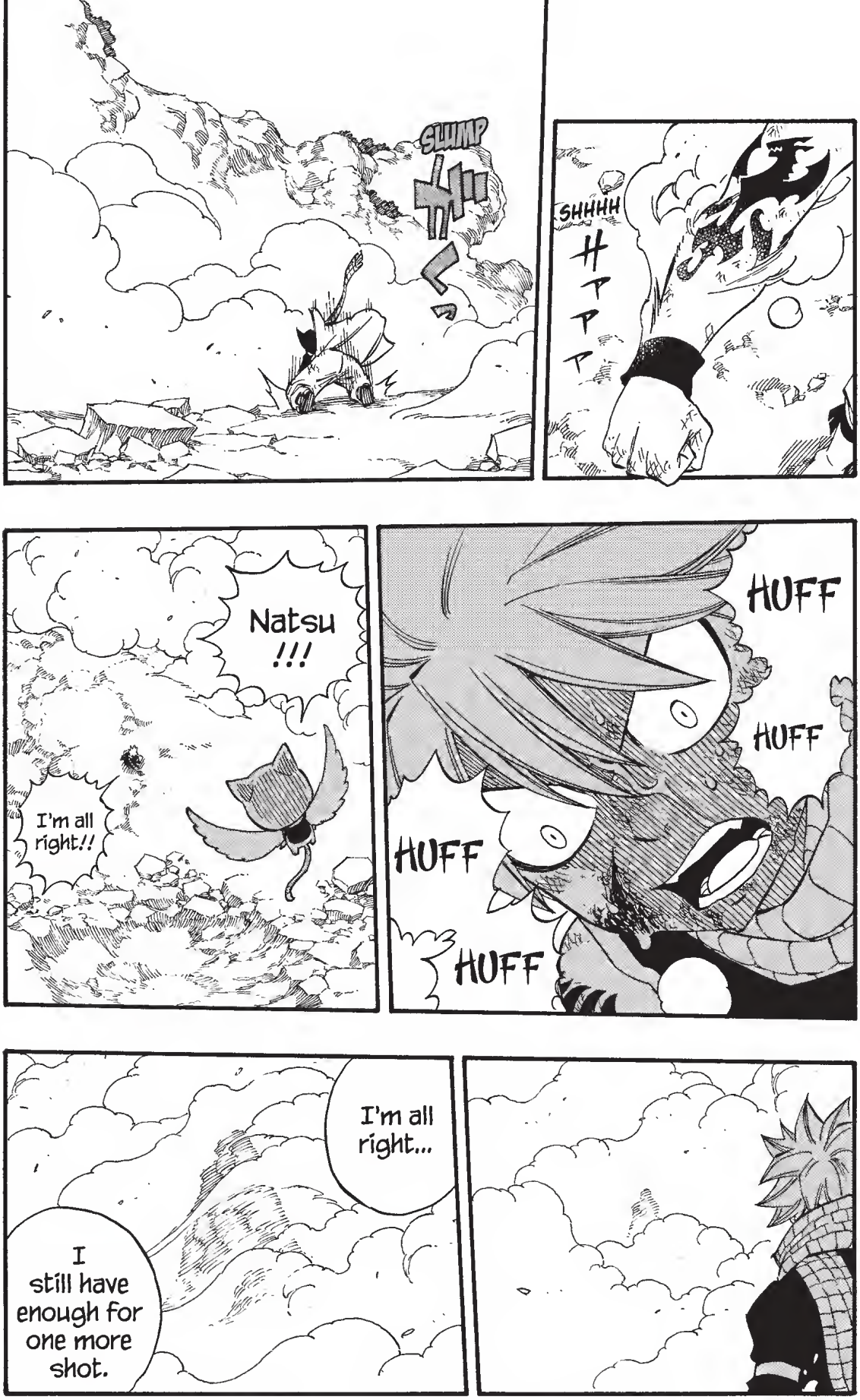
SLUMP
SHHHH
Natsu !!!
I'm all right!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I'm all right...
I still have enough for one more shot.

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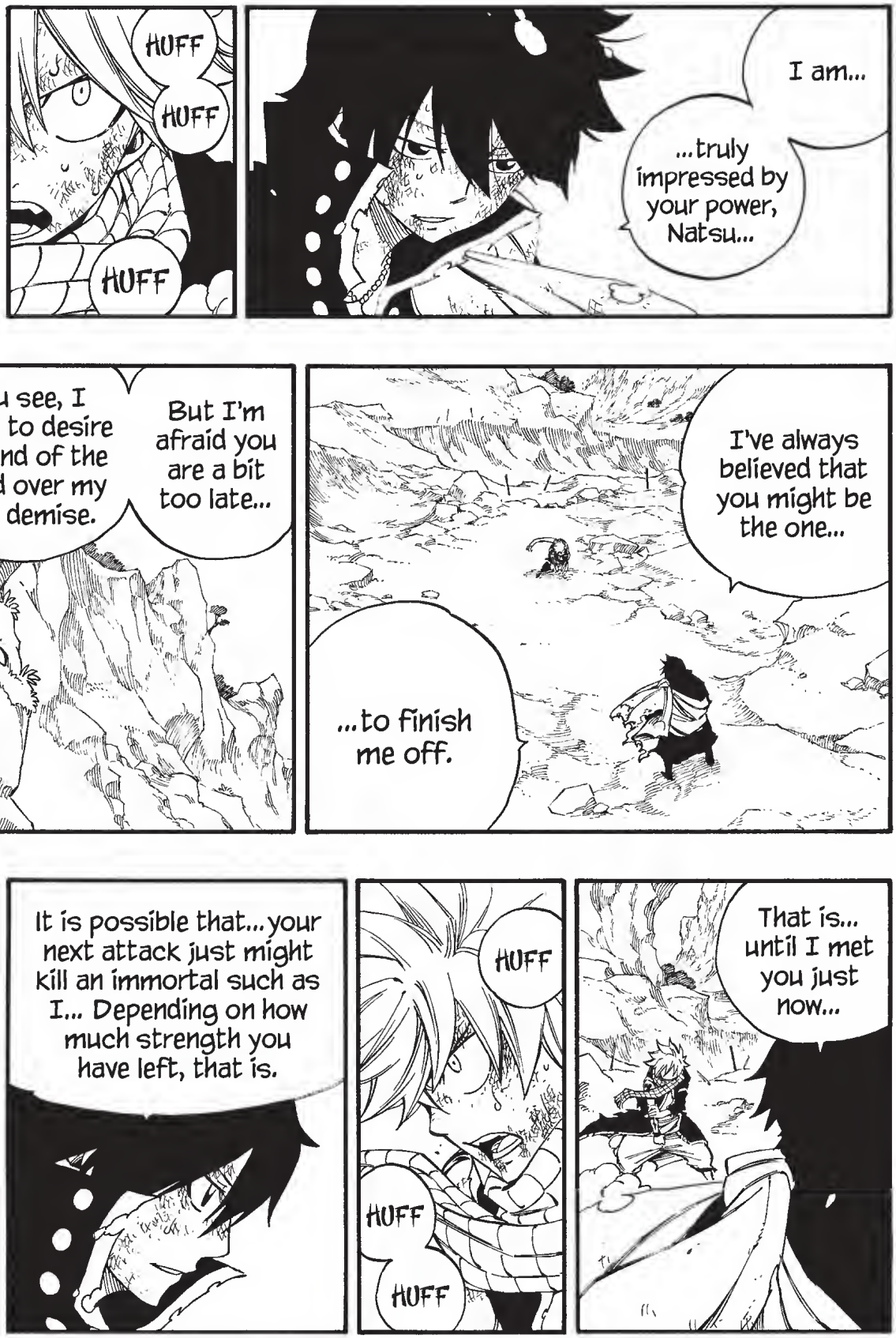
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I am...
...truly impressed by your power, Natsu...
You see, I came to desire the end of the world over my own demise.
But I'm afraid you are a bit too late...
I've always believed that you might be the one...
...to finish me off.
It is possible that... your next attack just might kill an immortal such as I... Depending on how much strength you have left, that is.
HUFF
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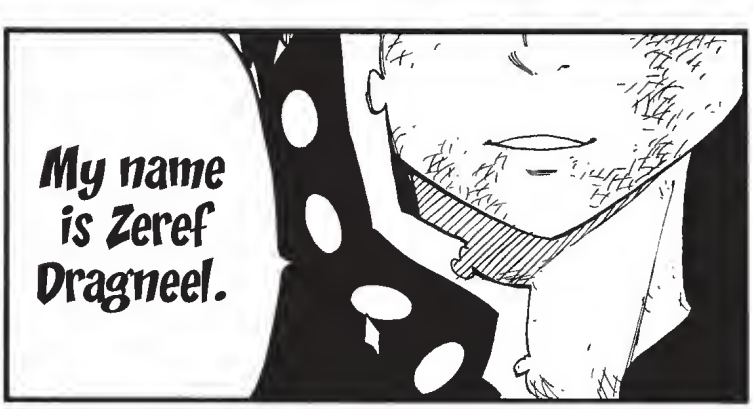
HUFF
That is... until I met you just now...

And so...while I still live, I feel I should tell you something very important.

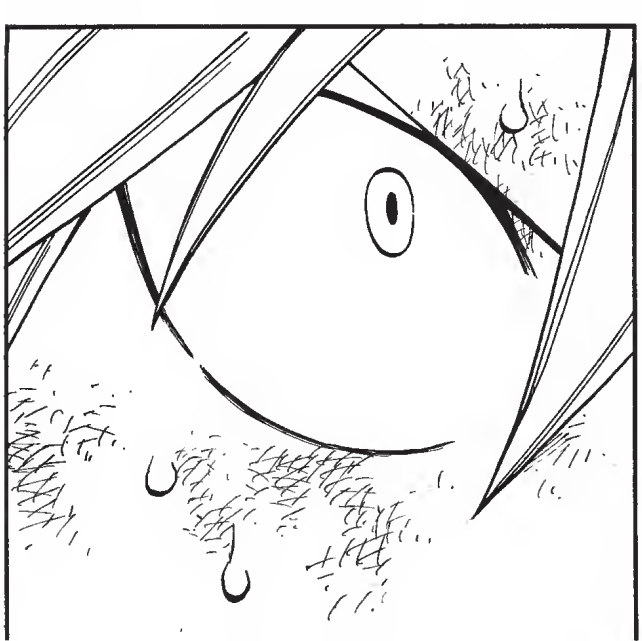

My name is Zeref Dragneel.

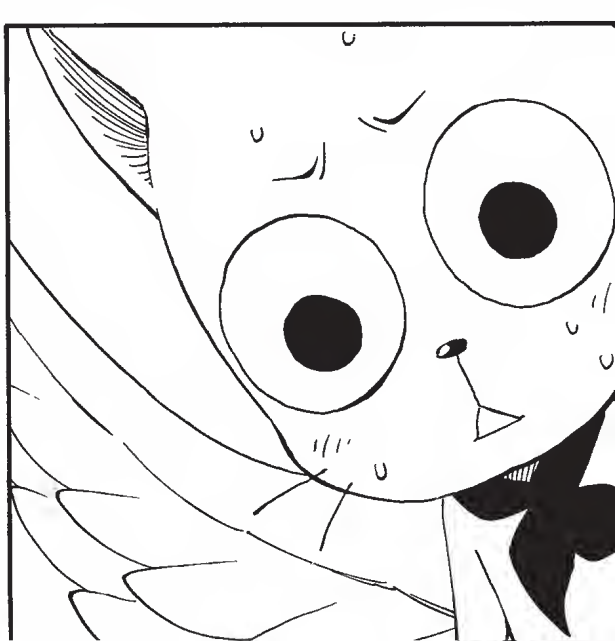
Huh?

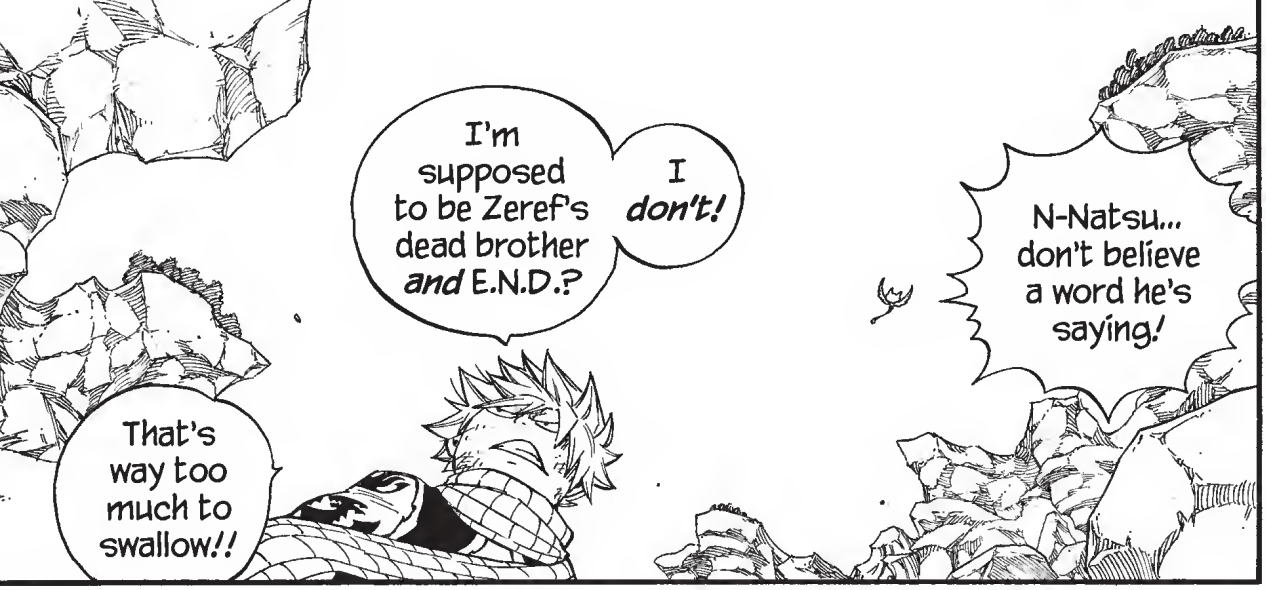
I am your brother.

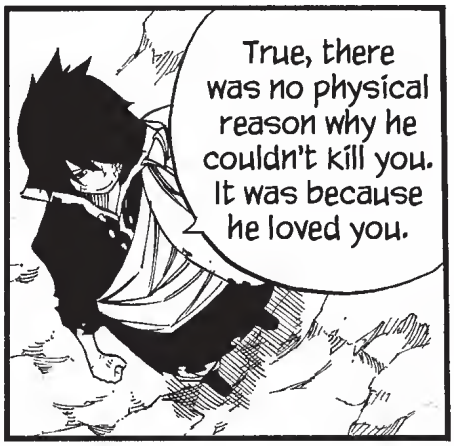
400 years ago, our parents were burned to death by dragon fire.
What?
My younger brother, Natsu, didn't survive either.
Wh- What are you talkin' about?
In my research to revive you, I succeeded in creating a new form of life.
Etherious... demons from the Book of Zeref.

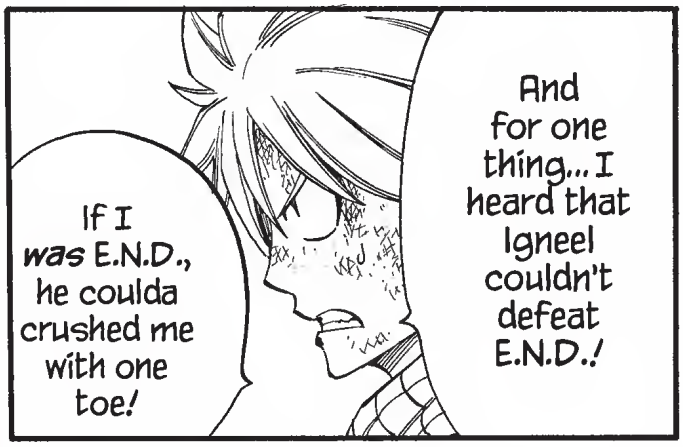
And you are the greatest of them, Natsu...
Etherious Natsu Dragneel.
E.N.D.

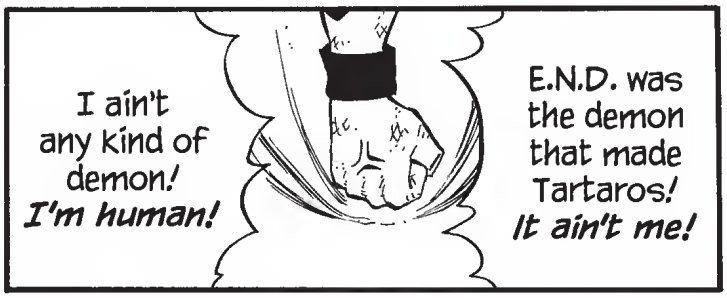





I'm supposed to be Zeref's dead brother *and* E.N.D.?
I *don't!*
N-Natsu... don't believe a word he's saying!
That's way too much to swallow!!


True, there was no physical reason why he couldn't kill you. It was because he loved you.


If I *was* E.N.D., he coulda crushed me with one toe!
And for one thing... I heard that Igneel couldn't defeat E.N.D.!

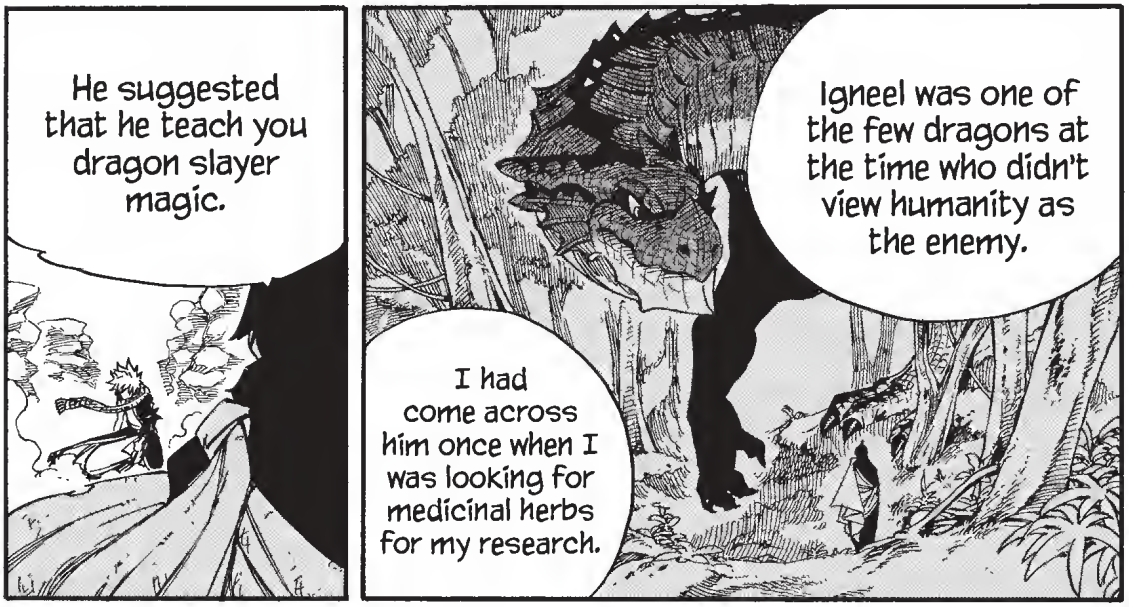

I ain't any kind of demon! *I'm human!*
E.N.D. was the demon that made Tartaros! *It ain't me!*

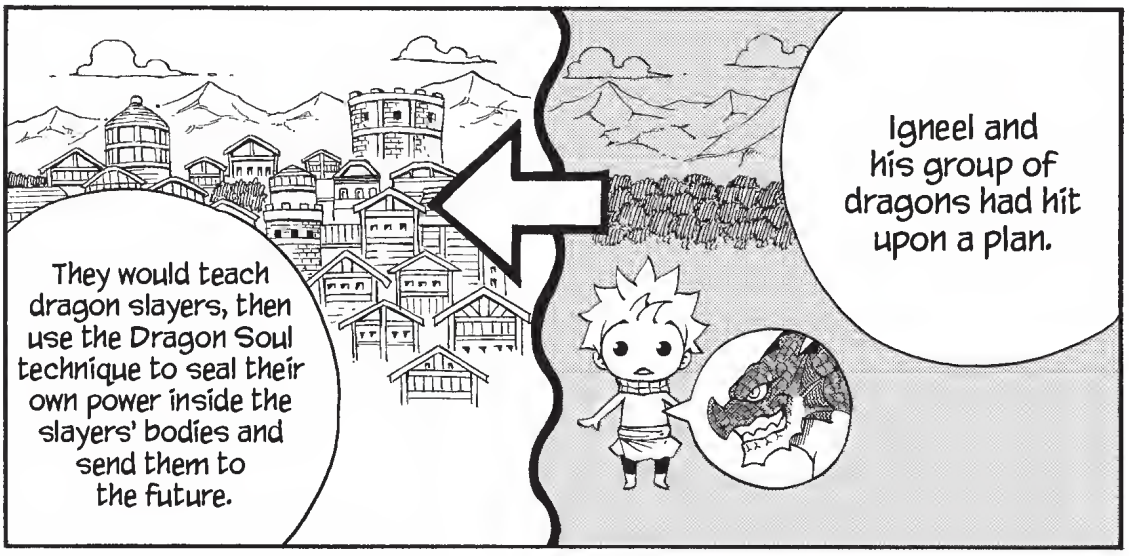
...

BWOOGH
...to bring in the other demons.
Tartaros was founded by Mard Geer. He simply attributed its creation to this book, which he found by accident...

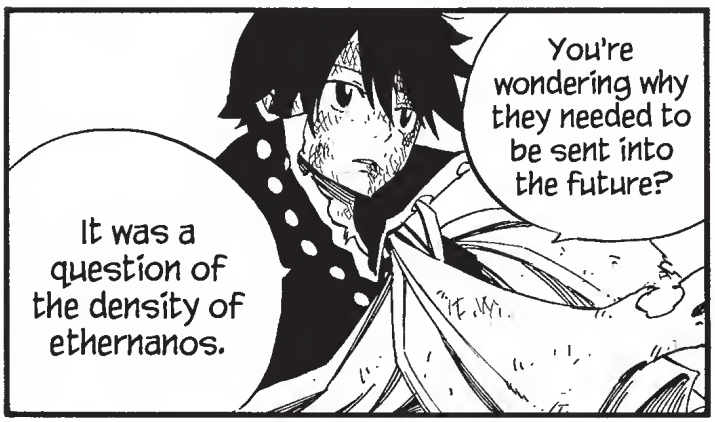
I keep telling you, I am *not* E.N.D.!!
NO!!
But you see, you *did* play a significant role in creating Tartaros.
THUD
SKID
STING
!!
SHWABOOM
You always did have trouble listening to people.
SLUMP
GAH...
AA...
AA...

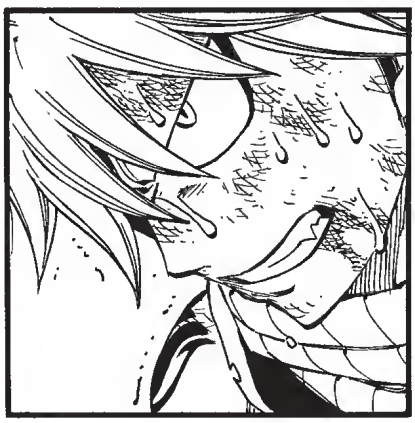
Your friend?!
That's why I went to consult with my friend Igneel.
You never even tried to learn language or letters.


He suggested that he teach you dragon slayer magic.
I had come across him once when I was looking for medicinal herbs for my research.
Igneel was one of the few dragons at the time who didn't view humanity as the enemy.

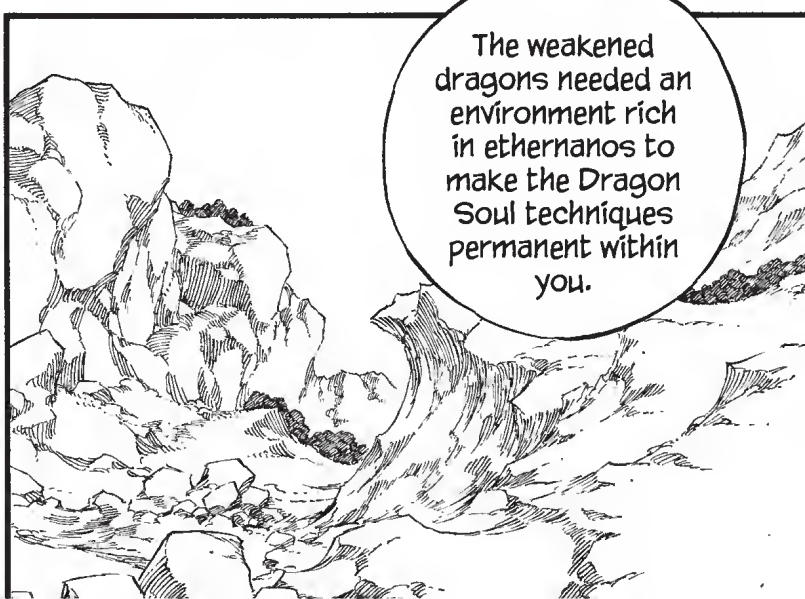

They would teach dragon slayers, then use the Dragon Soul technique to seal their own power inside the slayers' bodies and send them to the future.
Igneel and his group of dragons had hit upon a plan.

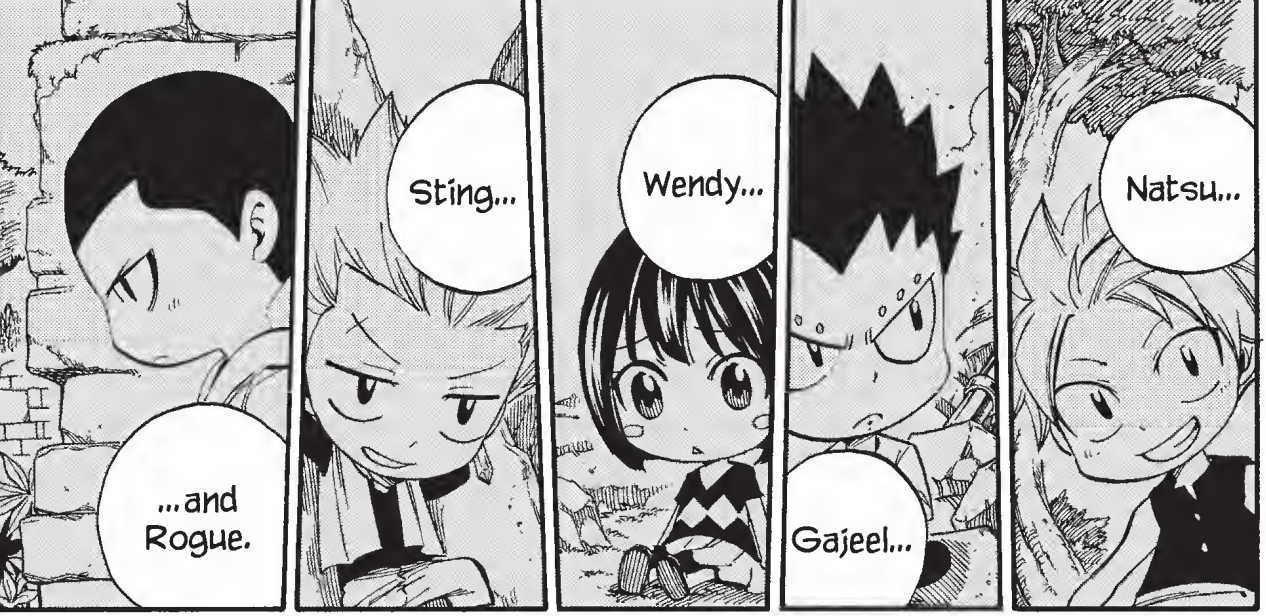
All to defeat Acnologia.


You're wondering why they needed to be sent into the future?
It was a question of the density of ethernanos.

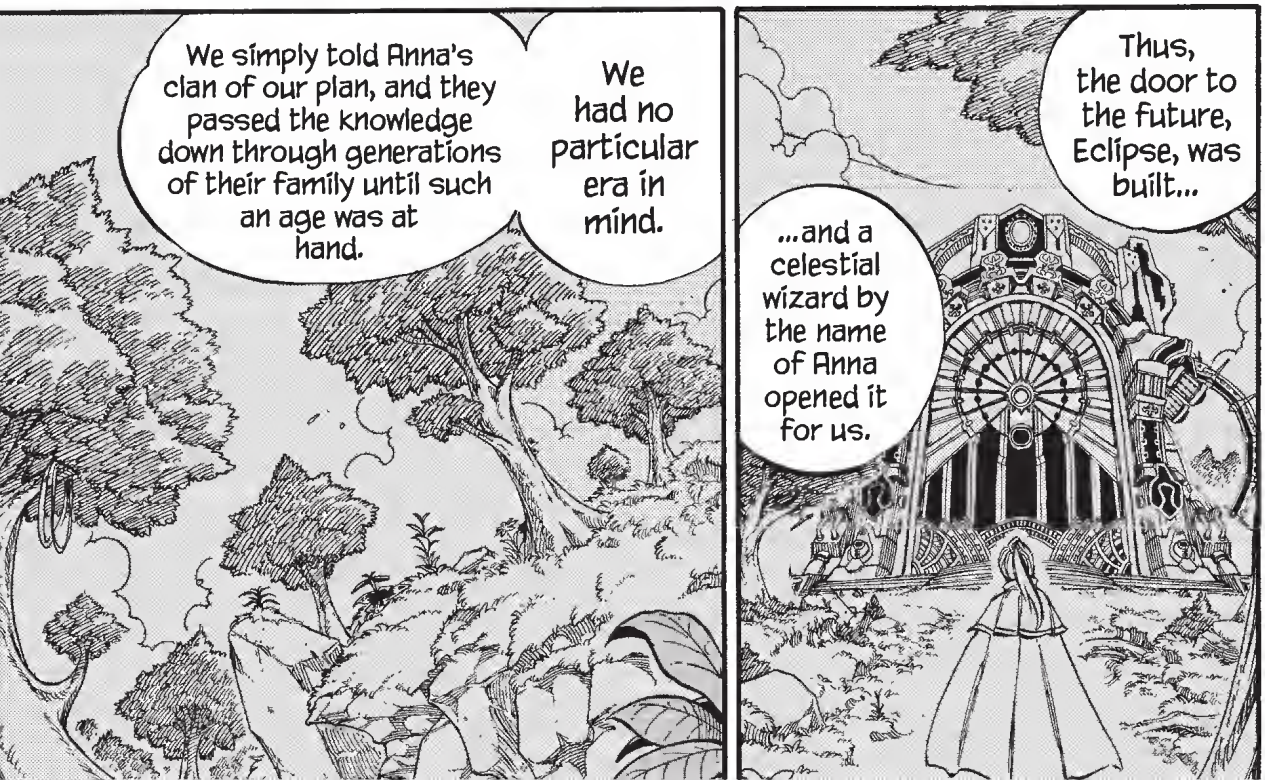


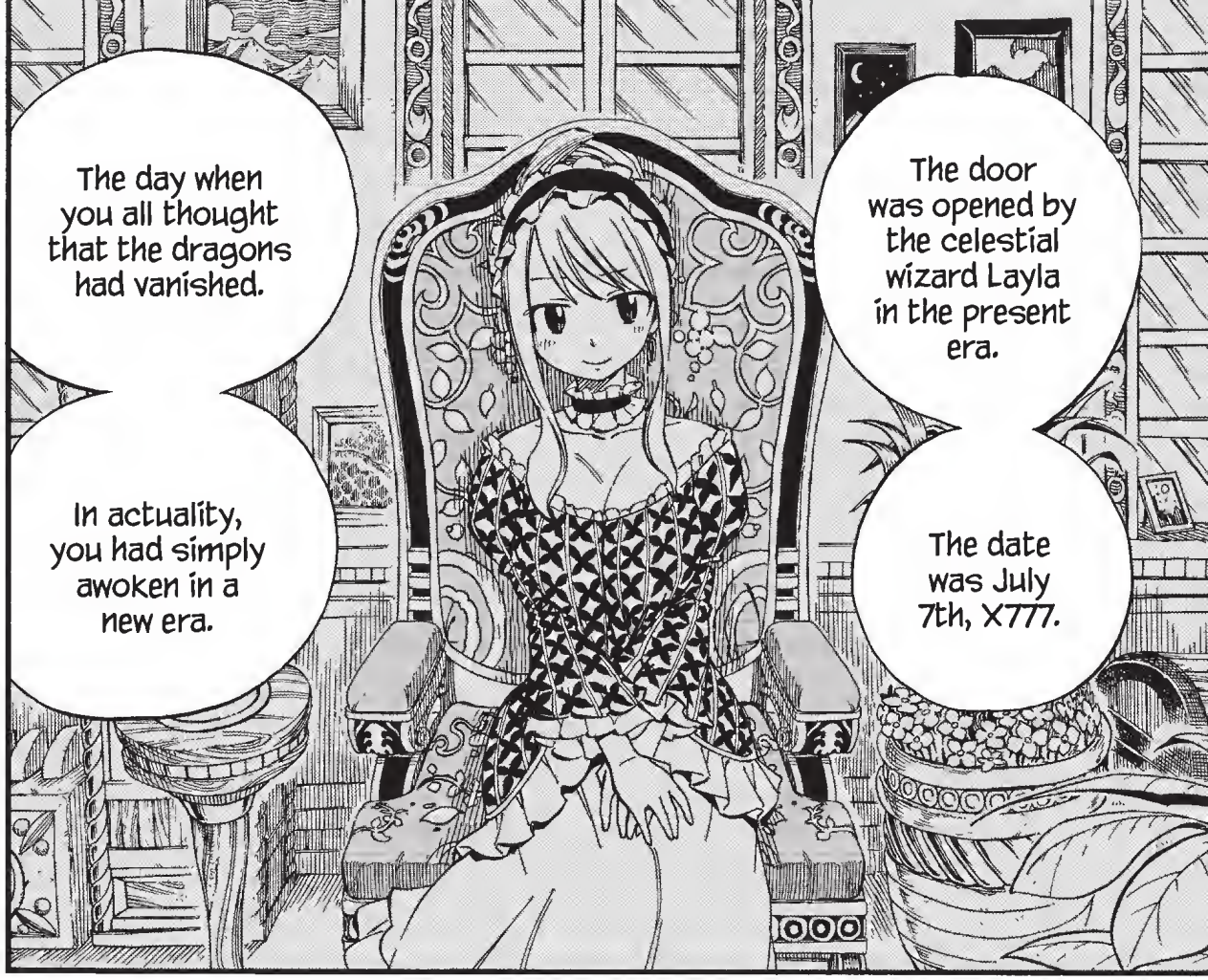
They selected five of you for this plan.


The weakened dragons needed an environment rich in ethernanos to make the Dragon Soul techniques permanent within you.


Natsu...
Wendy...
Sting...
Gajeel...
...and Rogue.

All children with no human ties left.
Well, you had me, but I was taking part in the plan as well.
Though my goal was not Acnologia...
I wanted you to become strong enough to finally kill me.

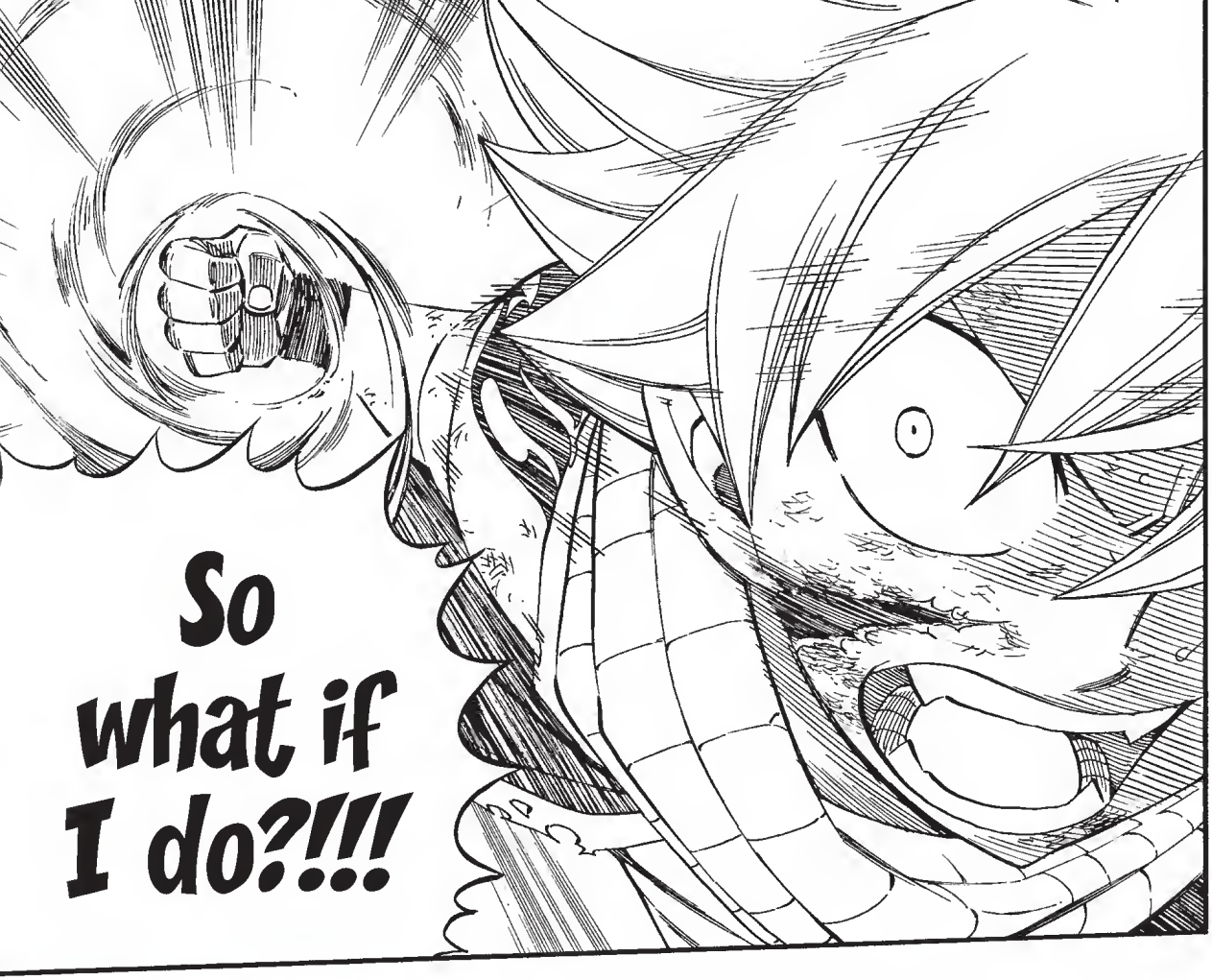

Thus, the door to the future, Eclipse, was built...
...and a celestial wizard by the name of Anna opened it for us.
We had no particular era in mind.
We simply told Anna's clan of our plan, and they passed the knowledge down through generations of their family until such an age was at hand.


The day when you all thought that the dragons had vanished.
In actuality, you had simply awoken in a new era.
The door was opened by the celestial wizard Layla in the present era.
The date was July 7th, X777.

An era 400 years after you were born.

But it was simply too long.
I'd been through too much.
And I...
...waited all this time for you.
Then I met Mavis...
...and lost her, too.
I had seen ages come and go...
So many that I forgot the importance of a single human life.
Shut up!!
So I...
You expect me to believe that load of crap?!
KWAAM

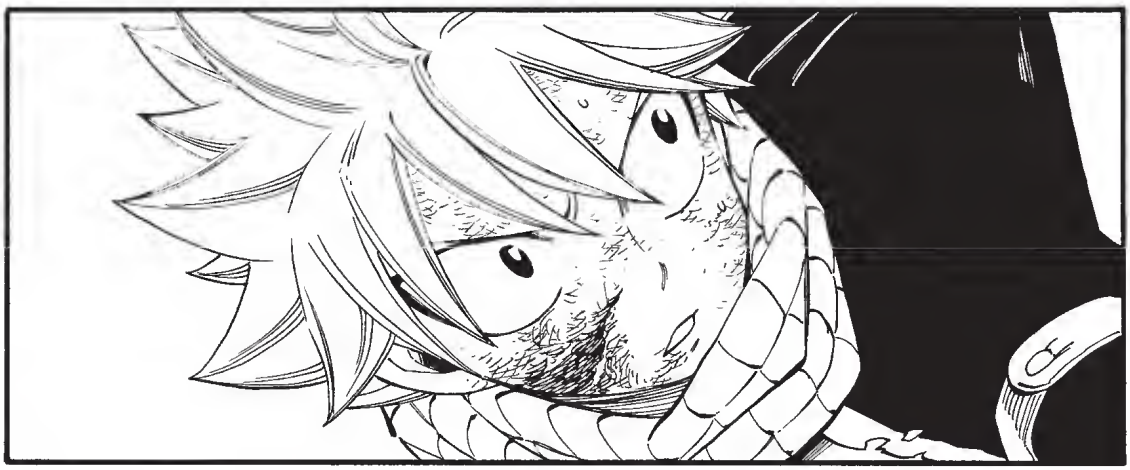
You are a demon of the Book of Zeref.
If you kill me...
...you'll die too.

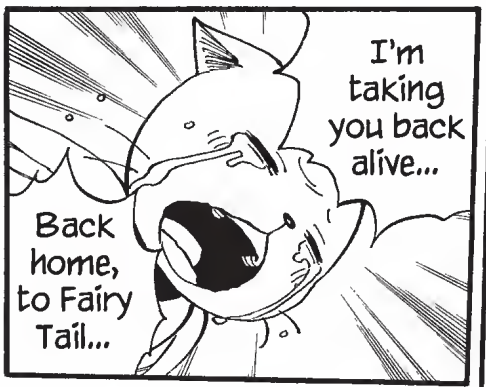

So what if I do?!!!

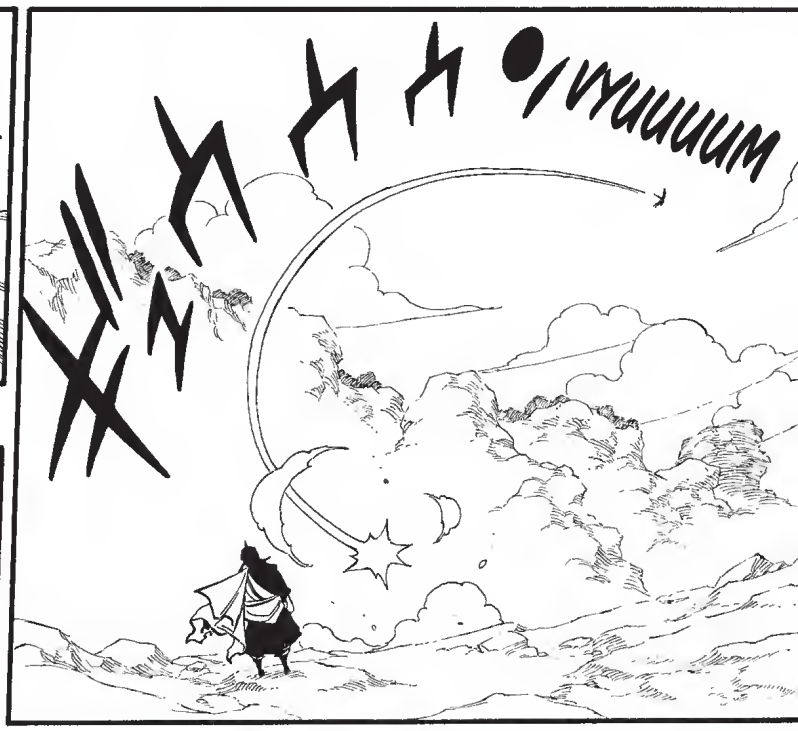
Natsu !!!!
I already made up my mind, and I ain't changin' it!!!! I'm here to take you down!!!!
And this is your very last chance to stop me.

FWOOSH
I won't let you do it...
SIZZLE
Natsu...
Happy, what're you doin'?!! Let me down!!

I don't want you to die!!!
If I don't do it now, I'll never be able to beat Zeref!!!!
SSST-
Let me down!!!! Igneel's power is fadin' away!!!!
I'm your friend, Natsu !!!!
Aren't you my friend, too?!!!




I'm taking you back alive...
Back home, to Fairy Tail...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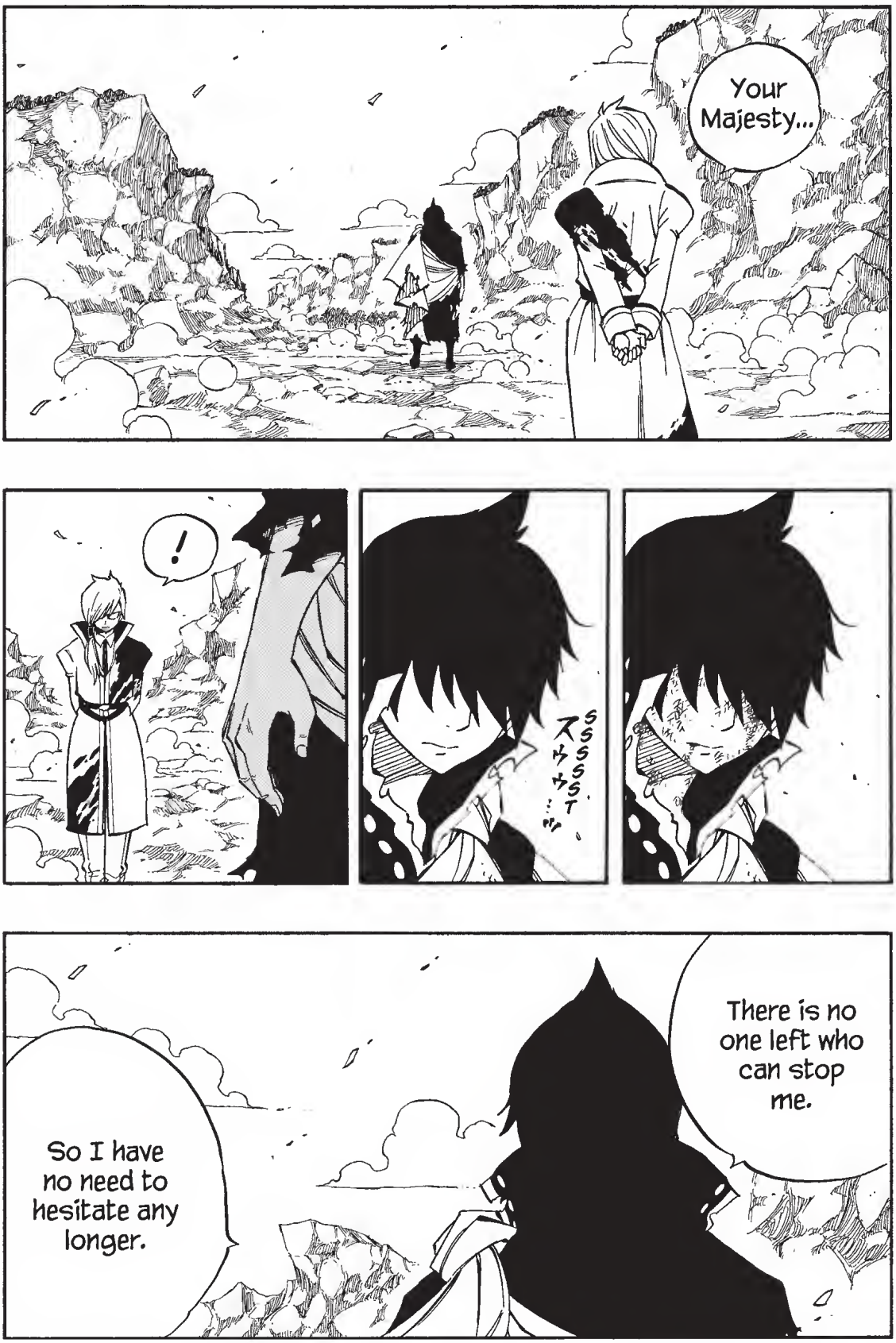
Now nothing can stop me...
Farewell, Natsu...



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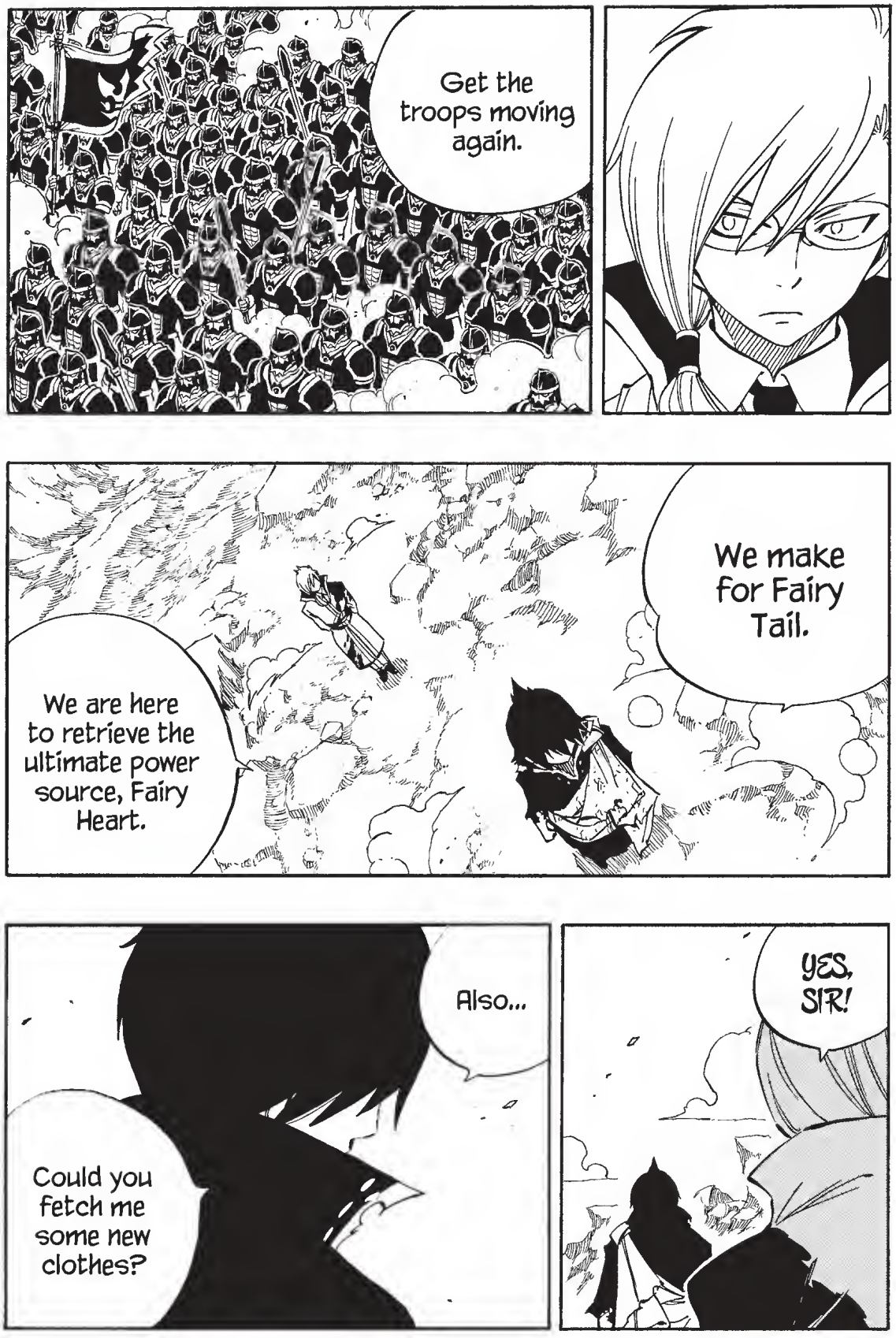
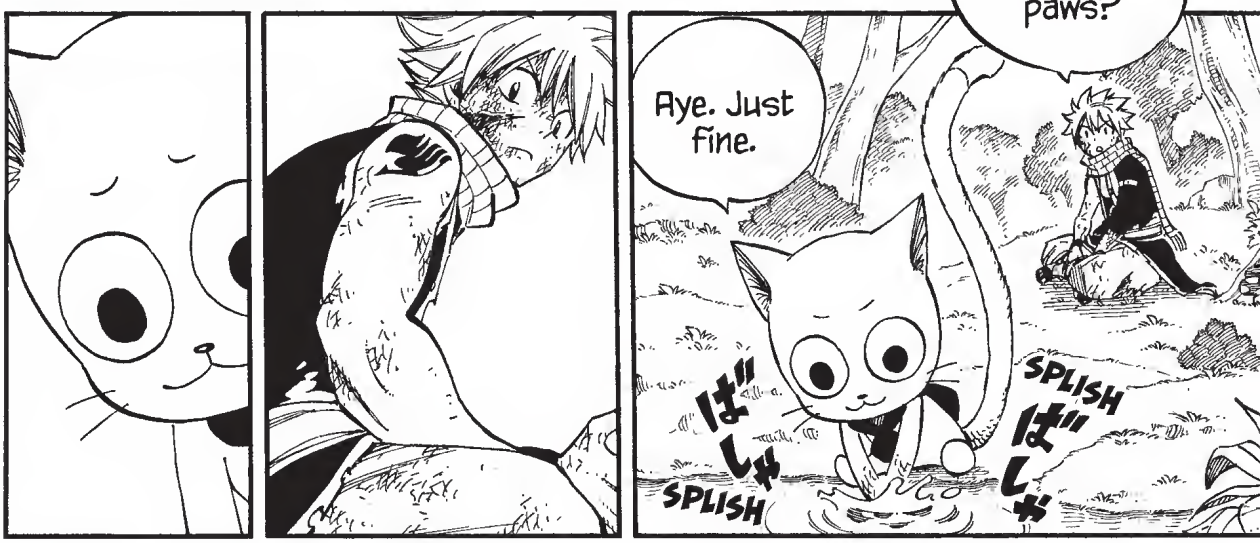

Get the troops moving again.
We make for Fairy Tail.
We are here to retrieve the ultimate power source, Fairy Heart.
Also...
Could you fetch me some new clothes?
YES, SIR!

Something more befitting of an emperor.

Happy. How're your paws?


Aye. Just fine.
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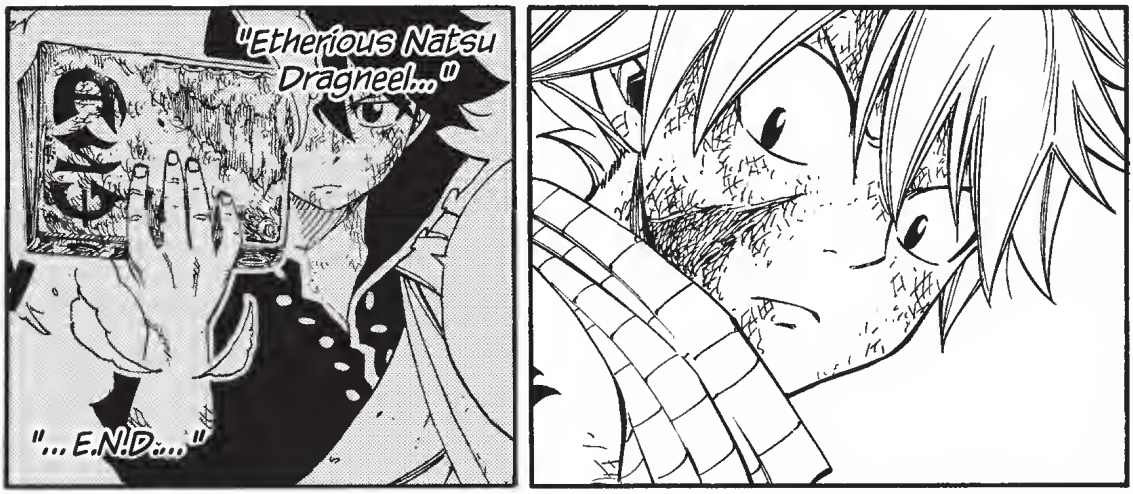
SPLISH
SPLISH
ばしゃ


"Etherious Natsu Dragneel..."
"...E.N.D...."

"If you kill me..."
"...you'll die too."
"You are a demon of the Book of Zeref."
You and me will always be friends!
Natsu?
!
WHUMPH
TMP
TMP
TMP
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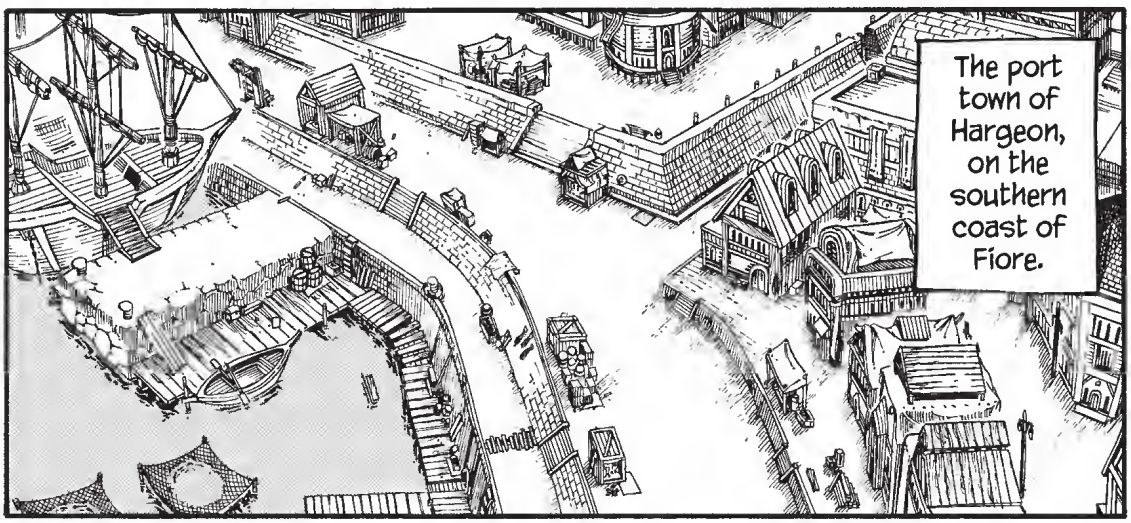
TMP
Yeah.
That's for sure.

...
There's gotta be some other way, Natsu!
I won't let you die!

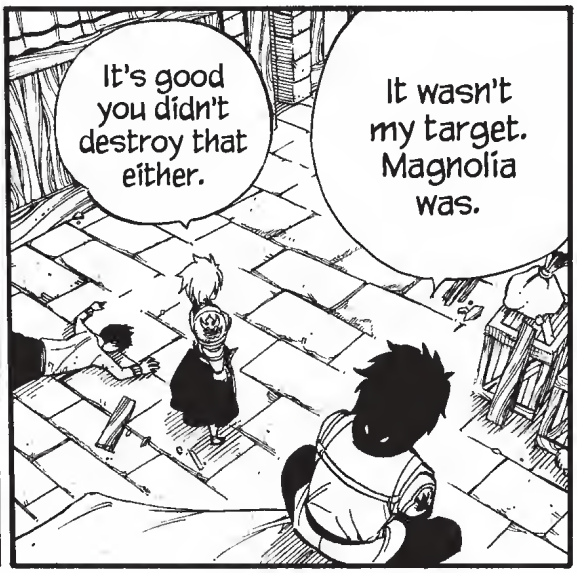
That's a promise!

I know.


The port town of Hargeon, on the southern coast of Fiore.

HYA HYA HYA HYA!
It's a pretty nice town.
I'm glad you didn't wipe it off the map, Wall.

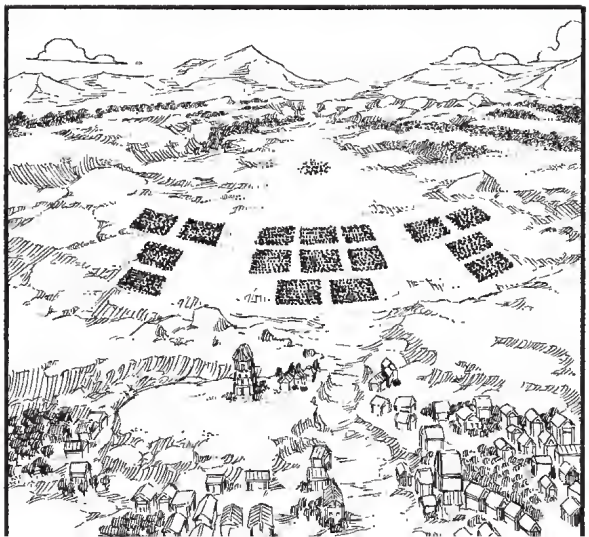
Randi's imprisoned there.

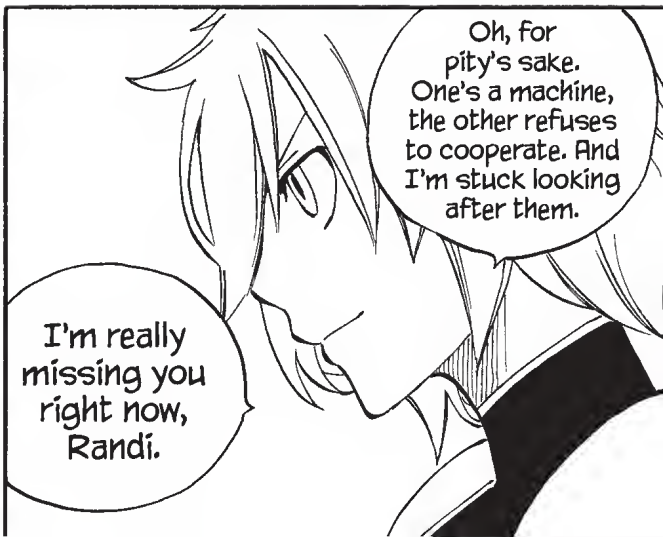

It's good you didn't destroy that either.
It wasn't my target. Magnolia was.

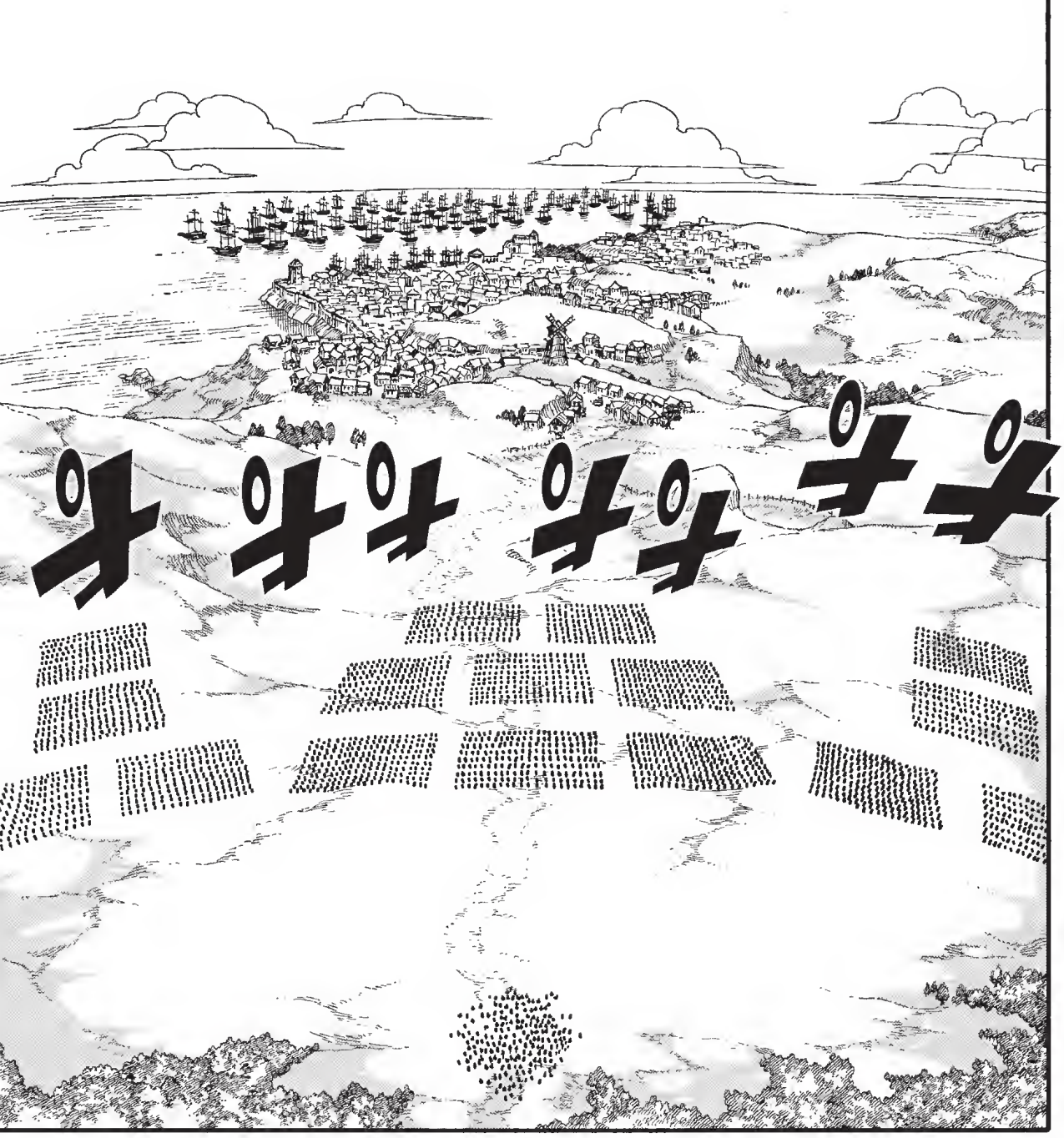
Just thinking of her humiliation makes my mouth water.
I don't get you humans.

Where's Neinhart?
Still on the ship.

ZSHH ZSHHH
ZSHH ZSHHH




Oh, for pity's sake. One's a machine, the other refuses to cooperate. And I'm stuck looking after them.
I'm really missing you right now, Randi.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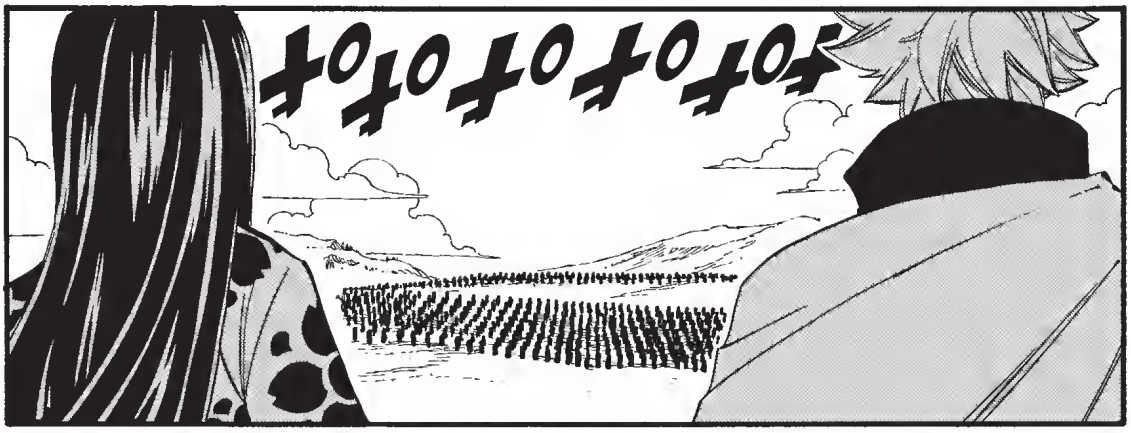
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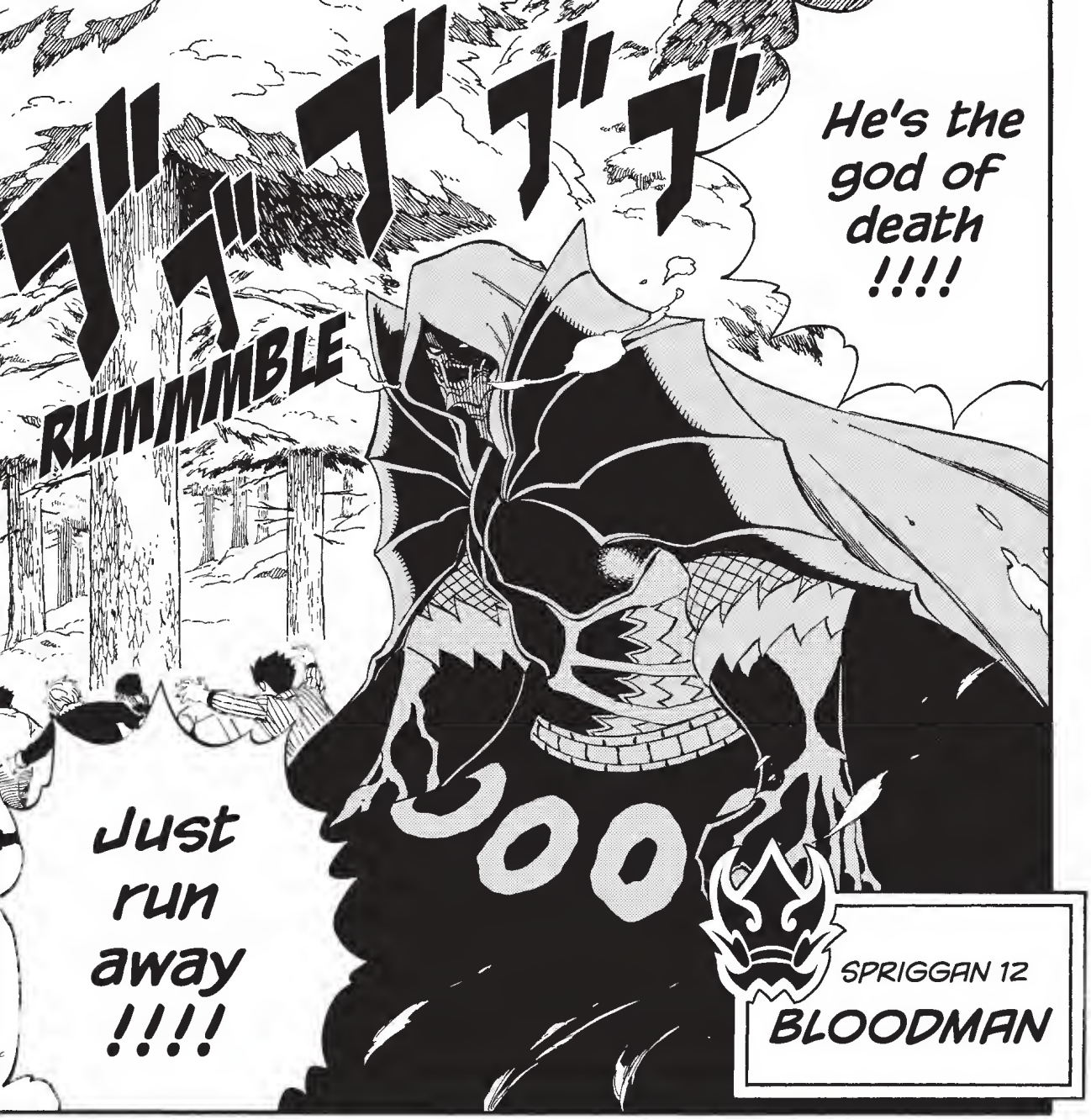
That's too many!!
So about three hundred thousand, maybe?
And there are still some who haven't disembarked yet.
More in the town.
About two thousand between us and the town.
How many of them *are* there?!
おお OHHN ん!
We will not permit Alvarez to invade!!
This is *our* land! Ishgal!
It doesn't matter how many more they have. We have to fight.
Between Lamia and Mermaid, we make maybe two hundred?
We will now begin our mission to liberate Hargeon !!!!
Forward !!!!

...about the true strength of The 12!
These arrogant fools need to be taught a lesson...
Northern Fiore...
CRAK
DOKOOM
ZWATCH

!
うあああ
UWAAAH
AAA
あああ
きゃあああ
EYAAAH
ひぃぃぃ
EEEEEK
Get outta here, Yukino!! He's killing everyone...
What is going on?
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD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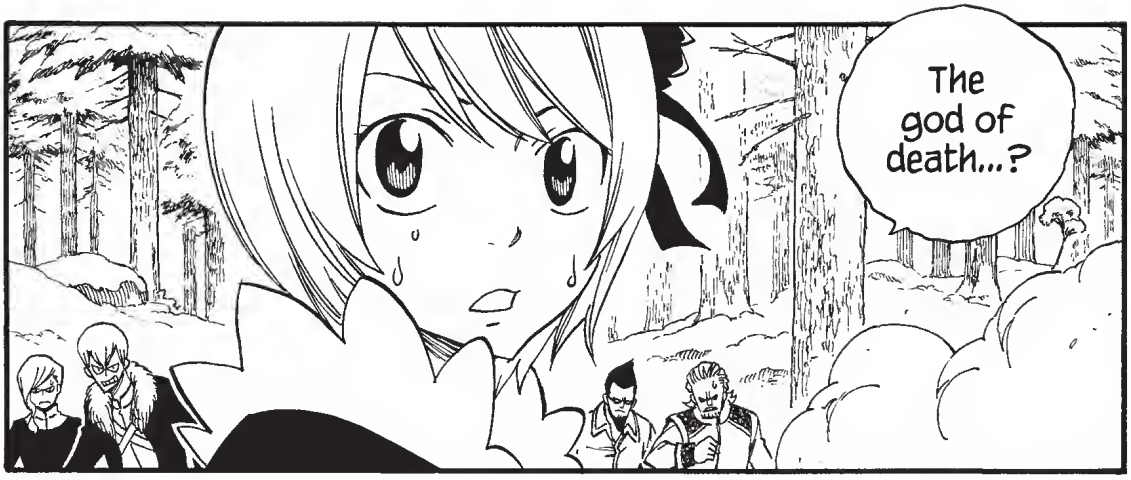
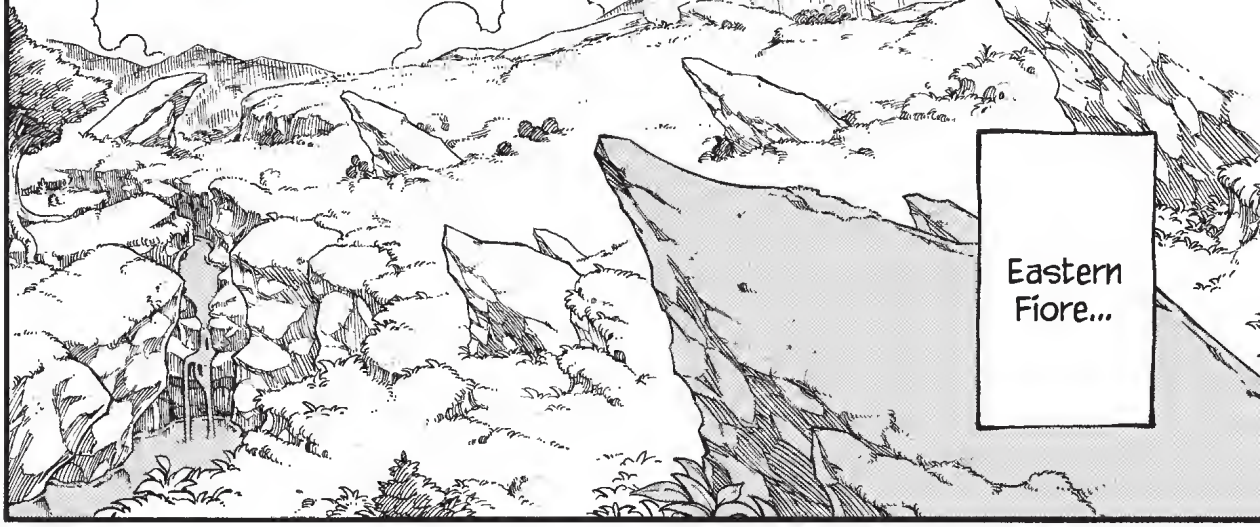
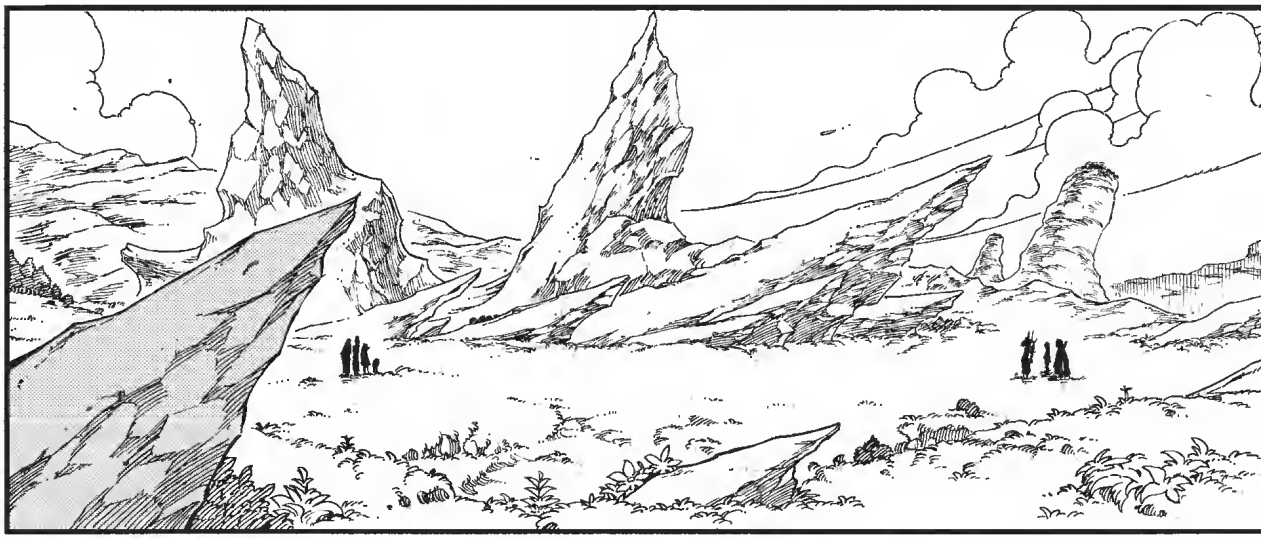
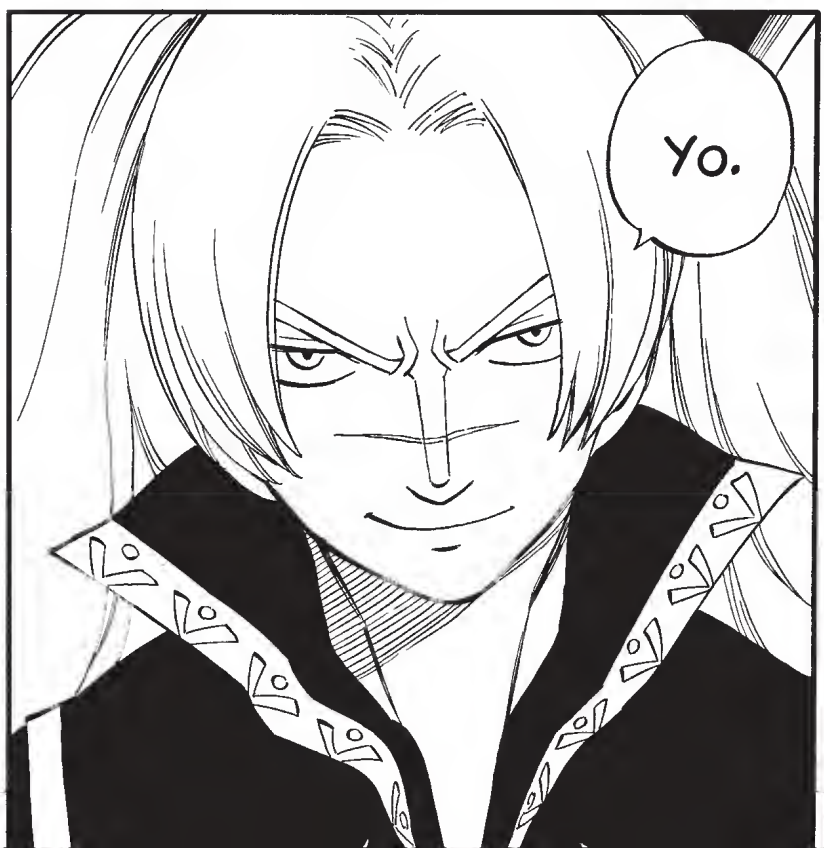
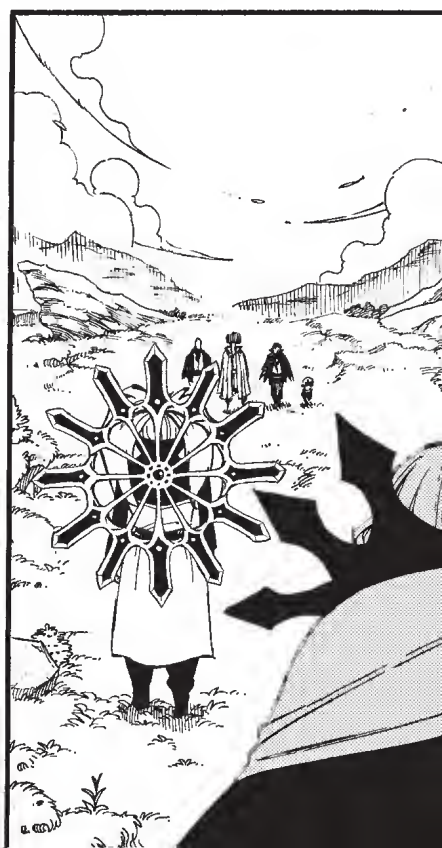
RUMMMBLE
He's the god of death !!!!
Just run away !!!!
SPRIGGAN 12
BLOODMAN


The god of death...?


Eastern
Fiore...

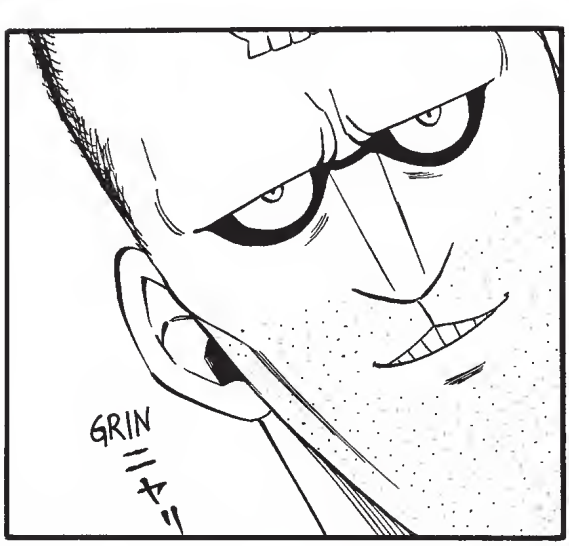



Yo.

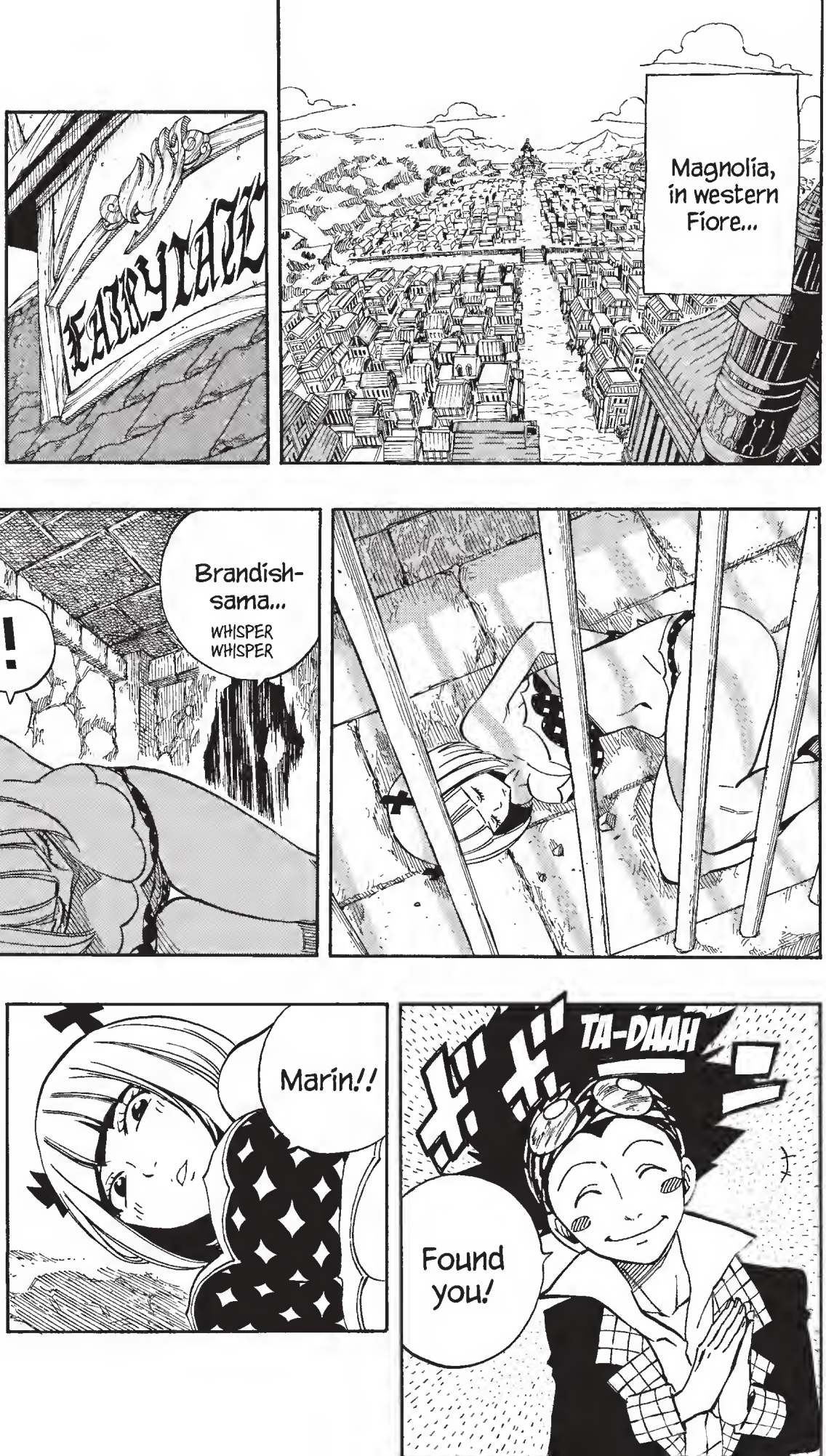


It was not just me. It was a joint effort between August, Jacob, and myself.
Are you the one who attacked the country of Bosco, you traitor?
Are you?
Why do you defile the land of your birth...
...God Serena?
...is one who is called the king of all magic, near and far, old and new—August.
And behind him...
So, this is the highest-ranked Wizard Saint, God Serena-dono?
I like that face you're making, Draculos Hyberion.

Their companion is also a Spriggan 12 member...and a genius in the art of magical assassination—Jacob Lessio.
TUG
SPRIGGAN 12
JACOB LESSIO


GRIN
ニヤリ

!
Nice hair.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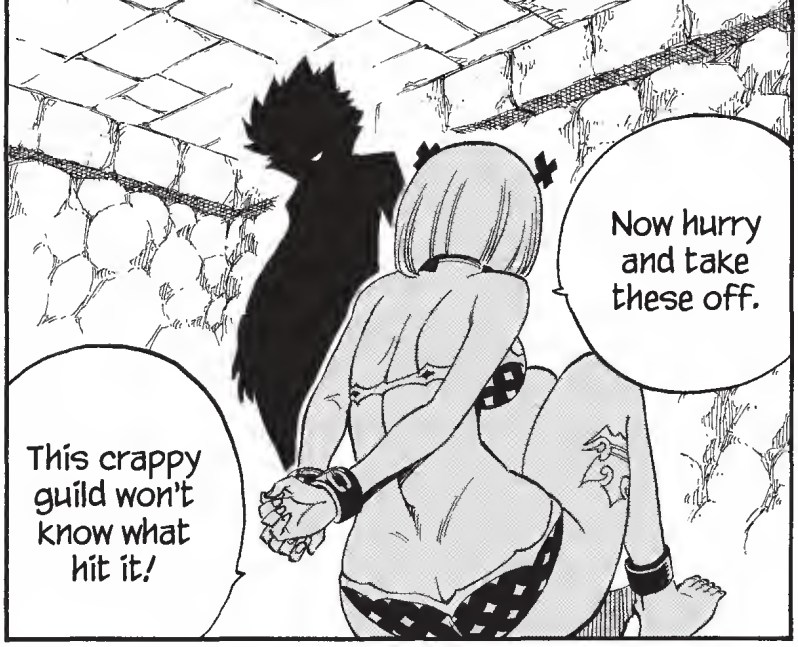
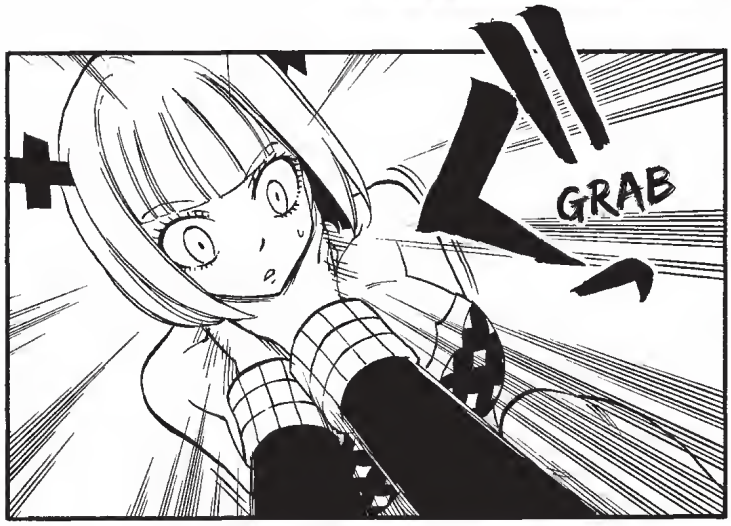
Magnolia, in western Fiore...
!
Brandish-sama...
WHISPER WHISPER
Marin!!
TA-DAAH
Found you!


Now hurry and take these off.
This crappy guild won't know what hit it!

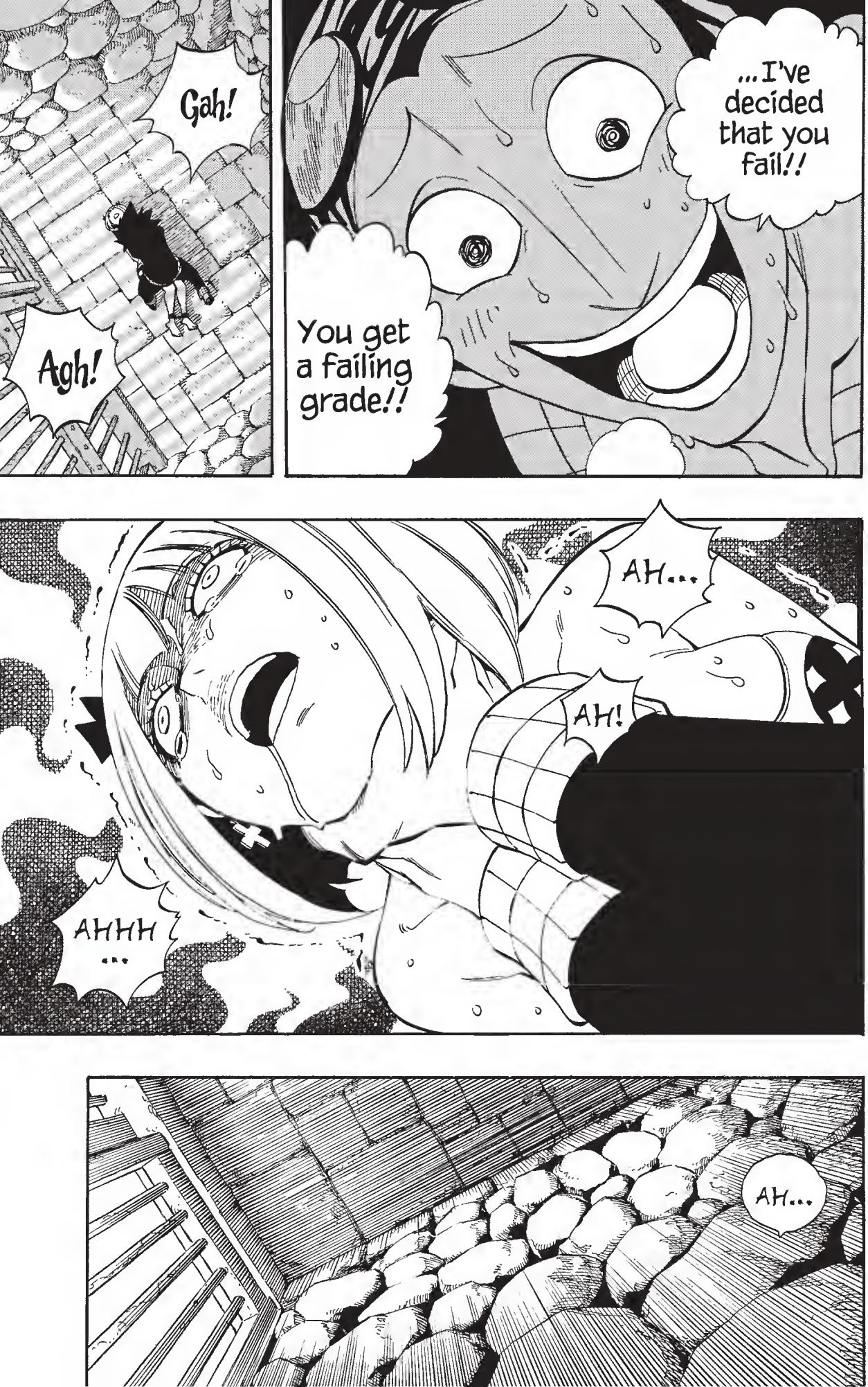
I knew you'd come. What a clever, cute little pet you are!

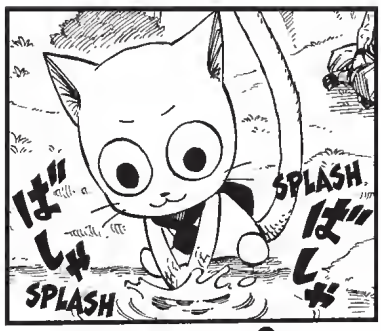

GRAB

!

You've been treating me like your slave!! And that's why... Eh heh heh...
GRRN
GRRN
GRRN

GRRN
UNGH...
Marin, what are you...
FLAIL
FLAIL
Stop...


Gah!
Agh!
...I've decided that you fail!!
You get a failing grade!!
AH...
AH!
AHHH...
AH...



FAIRY TAIL

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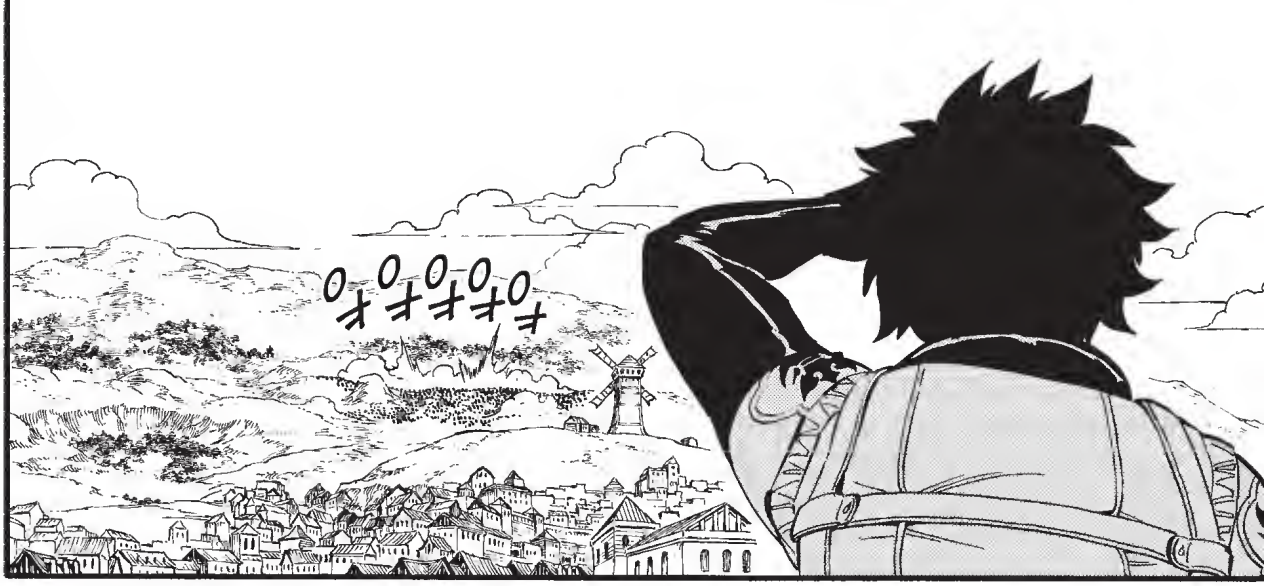
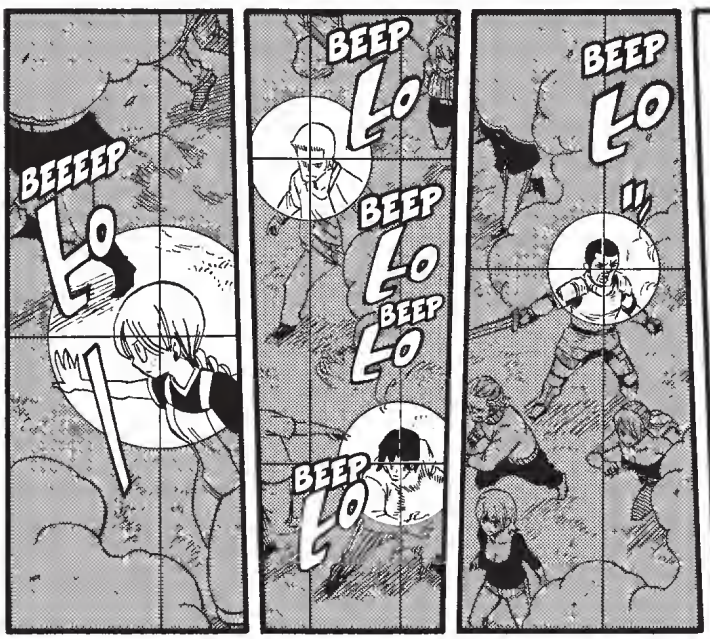
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 467: Mother's Key

The port town of Hargeon ...
The Alvarez forces have made the town their base, but standing against them...
...are the combined strengths of Lamia Scale and Mermaid Heel, trying to free the town.
SHIING
Ice Make...

THWOOM
...TITAN'S FEET!!!!
AGH !!
GUHH !!
GAH!
They're ...
...a lot better than we thought!
TWIRL!!
VWIRL
VWIRL
VWIRL
Uwaah!
Eyaah!
TENJIN NO BOREAS* !!!!
*Sky God's Borias!!!!



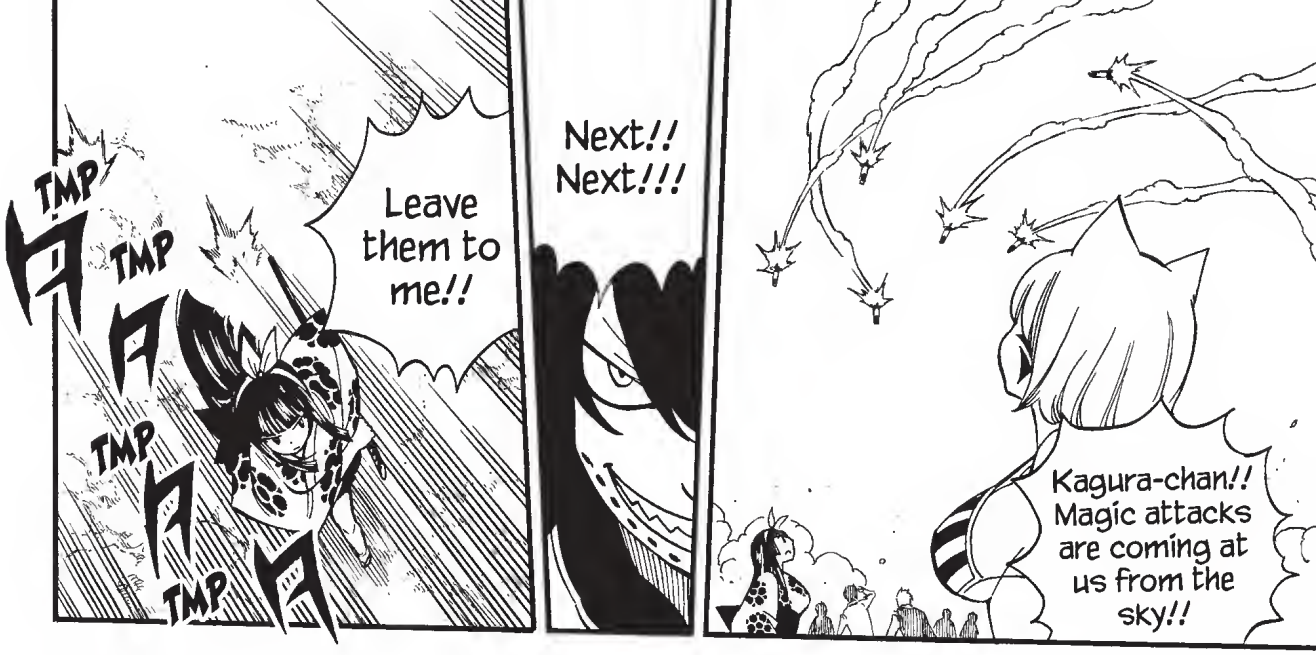

BEEEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

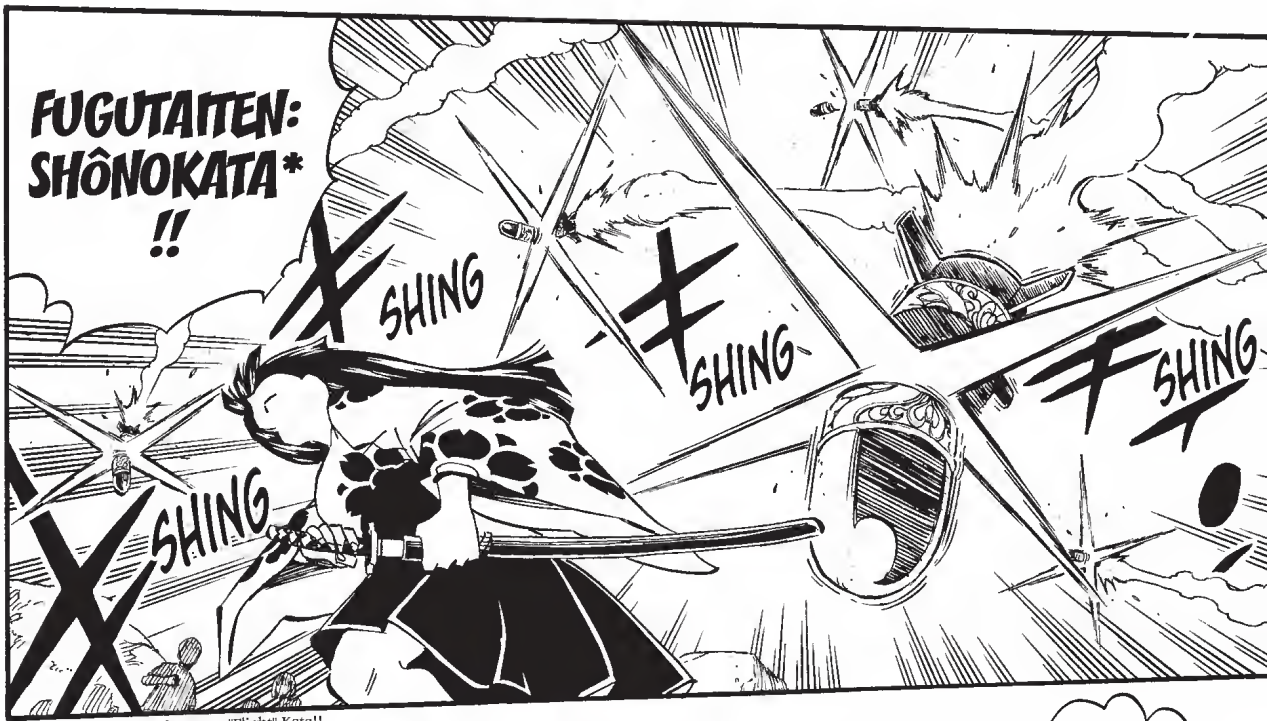
SMIRK

VVT
VVT
VVT
VVT
VVT
All together now...

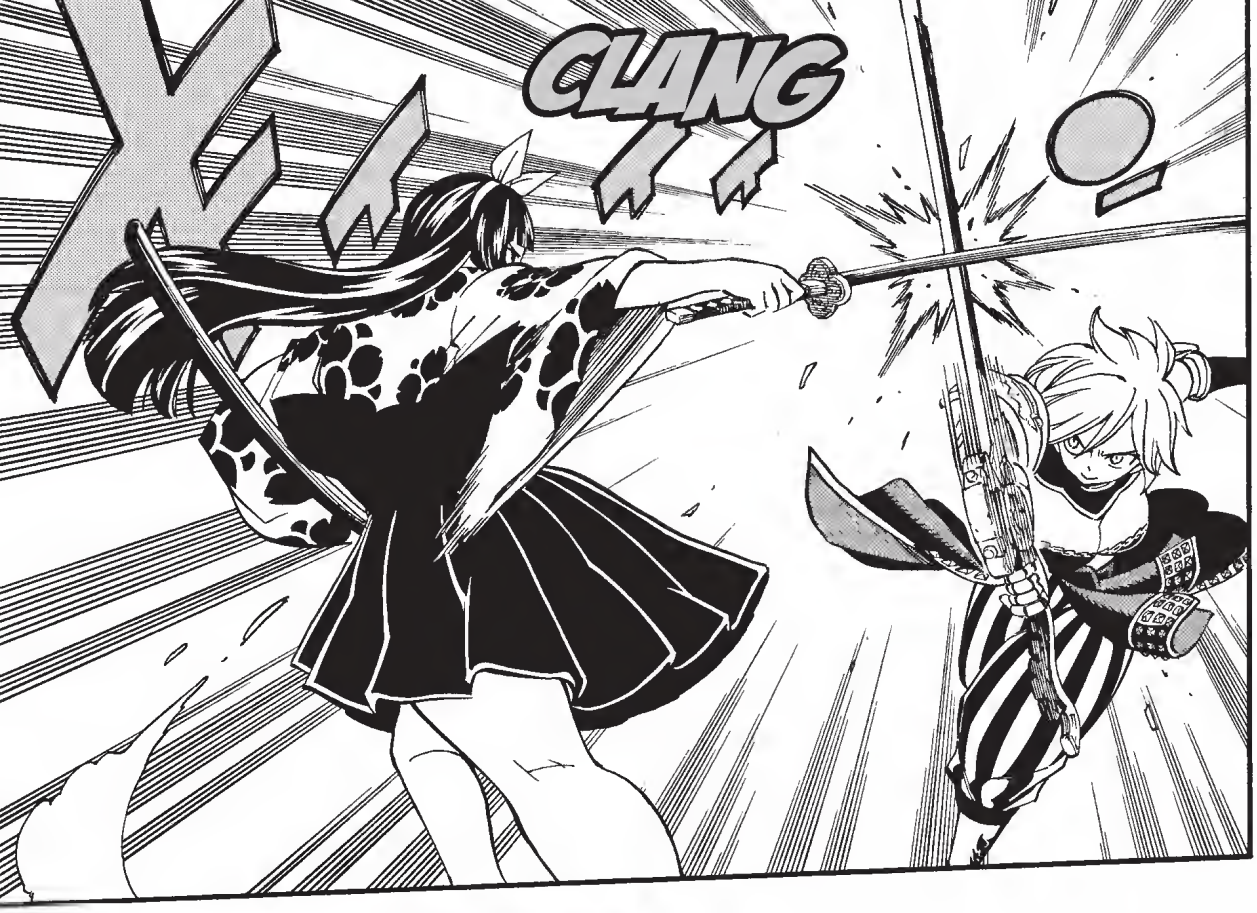
Lock on!

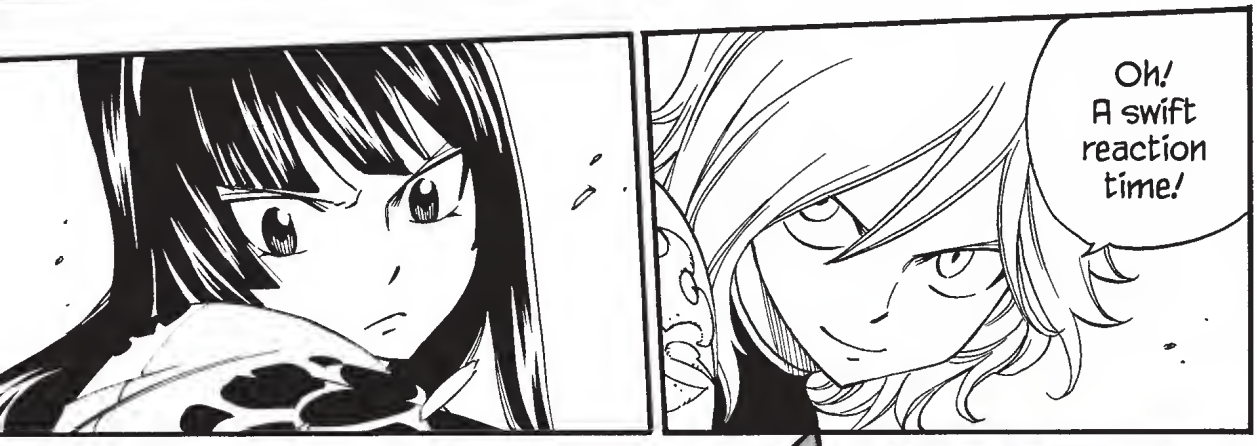
Go blow 'em away !!!
Beth!!
BOOOM
KYAAAAA
Huh?
What ?!
AGH!
BOOOM
Aaaa!!
BOOM
GAAAH !!
Uwaaah!
BOOM
BOOM

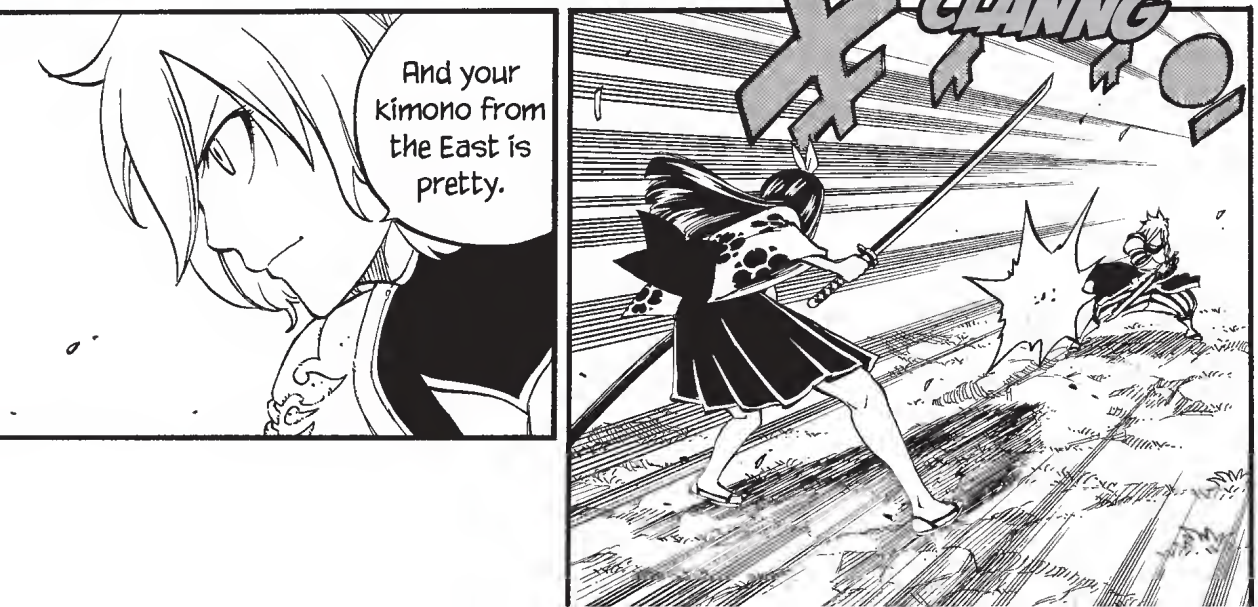


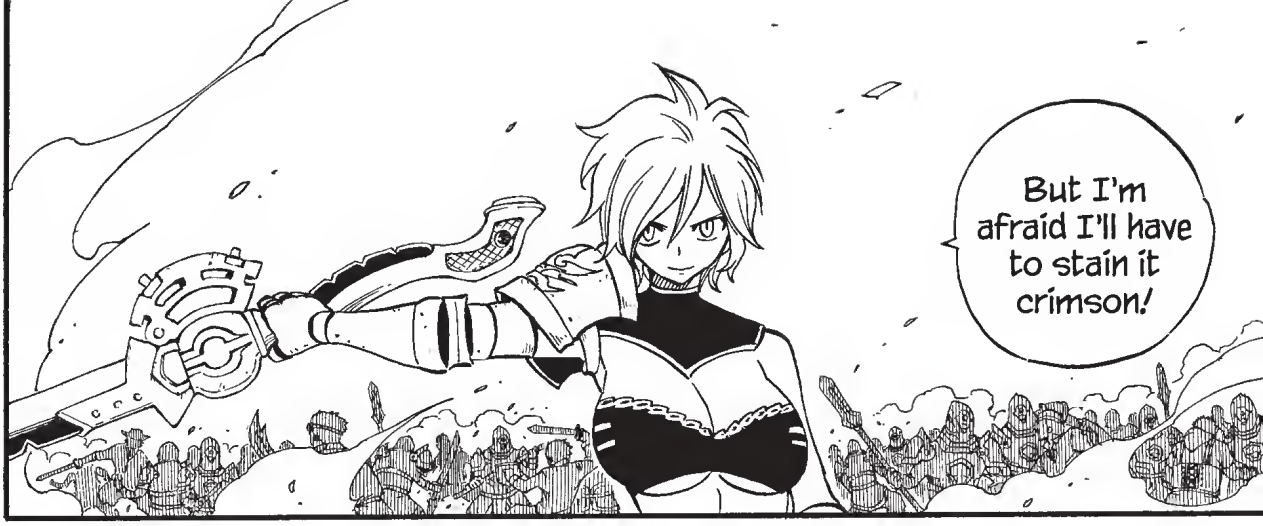


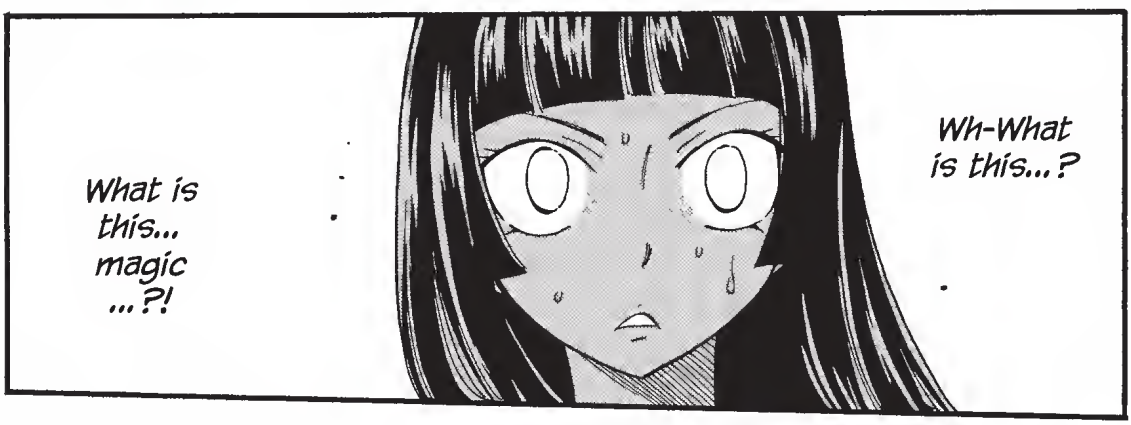
*Vengeance Sword: Archenemy: "Flight" Kata!!


CLANG

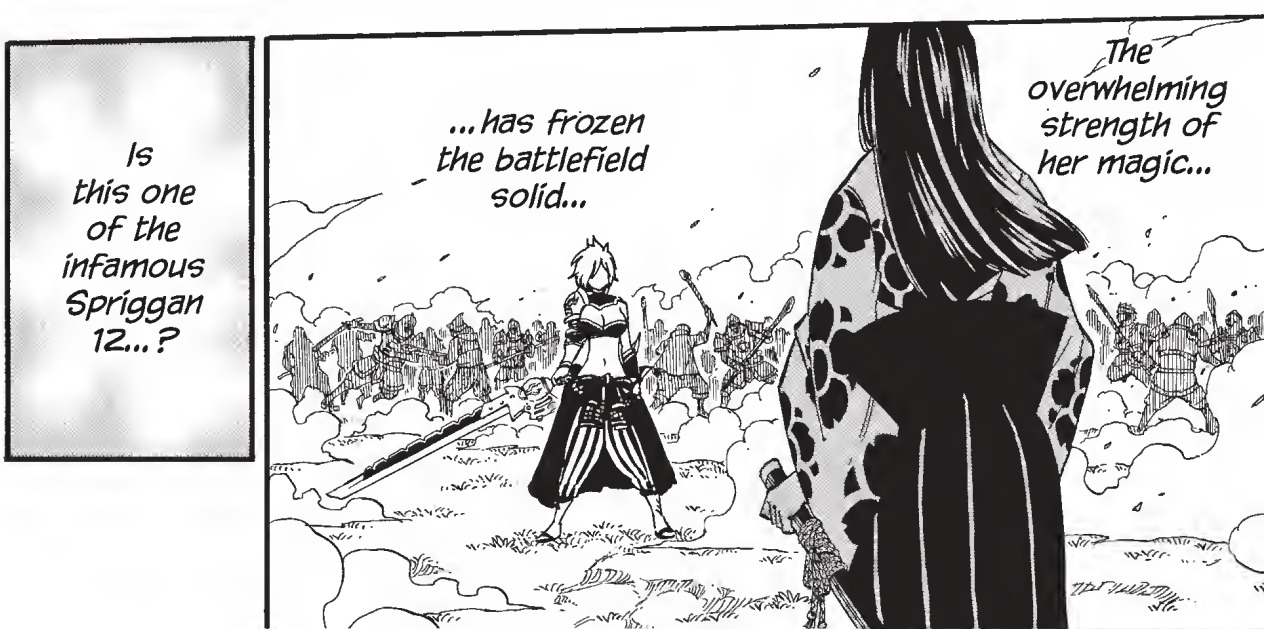

Oh!
A swift
reaction
time!

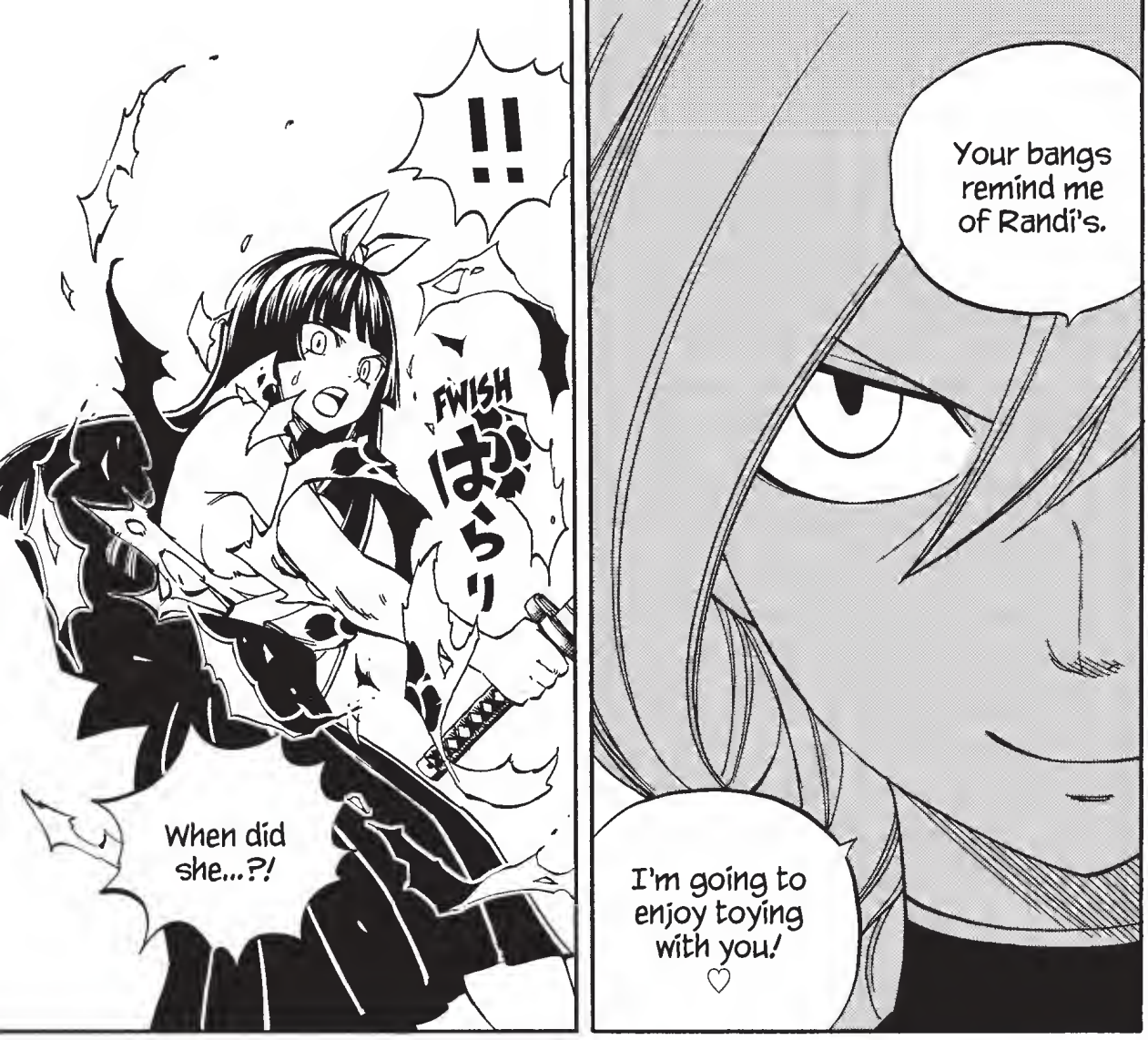

And your
kimono from
the East is
pretty.
CLANNG

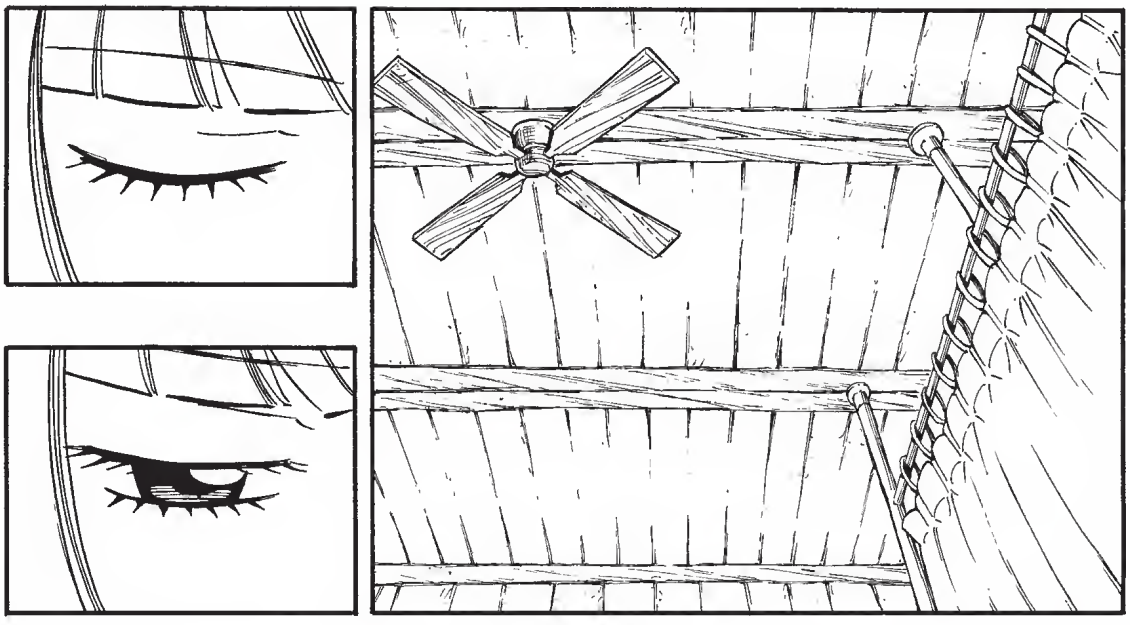

But I'm afraid I'll have to stain it crimson!

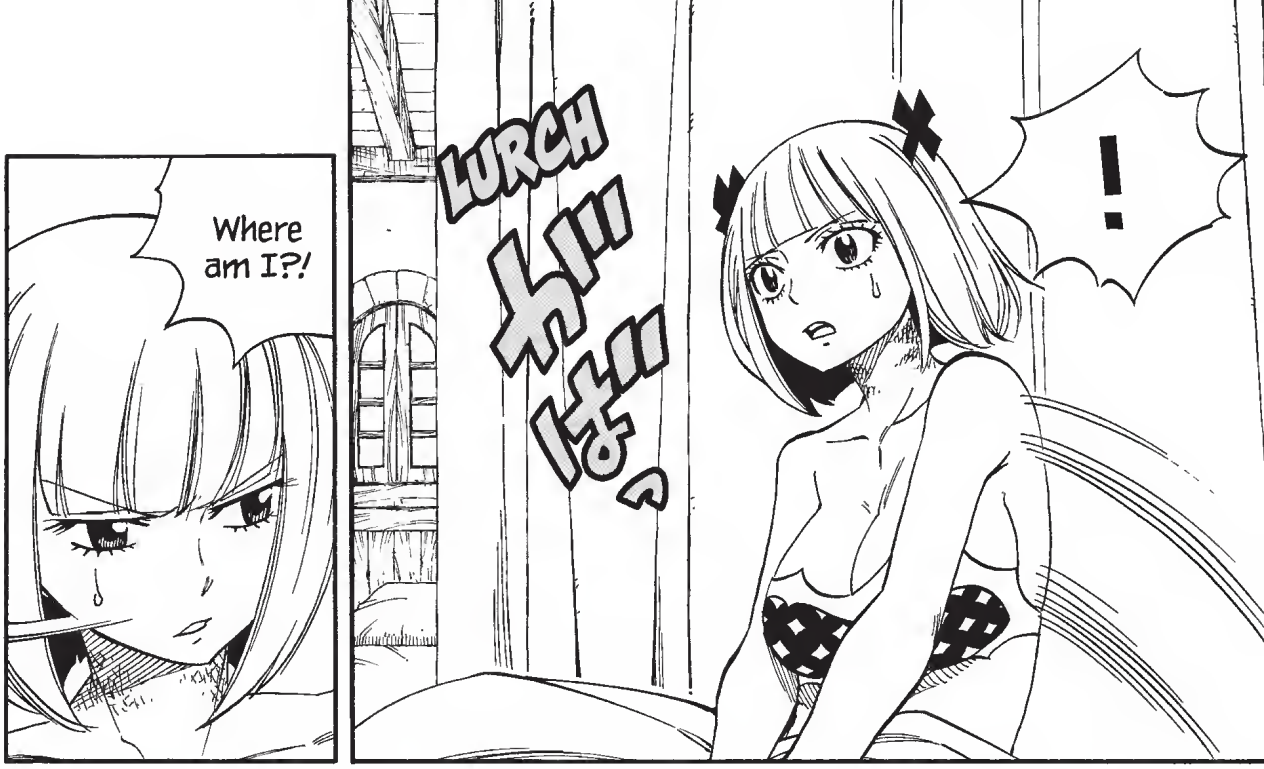

What is this... magic ...?!
Wh-What is this...?

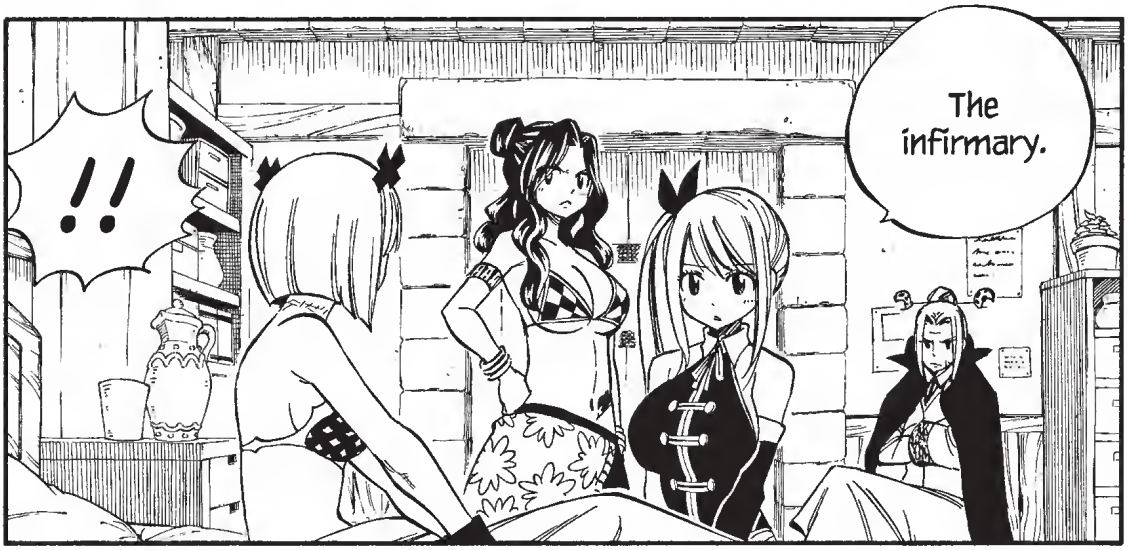
ビリ…
JOLT
!
SHIVER

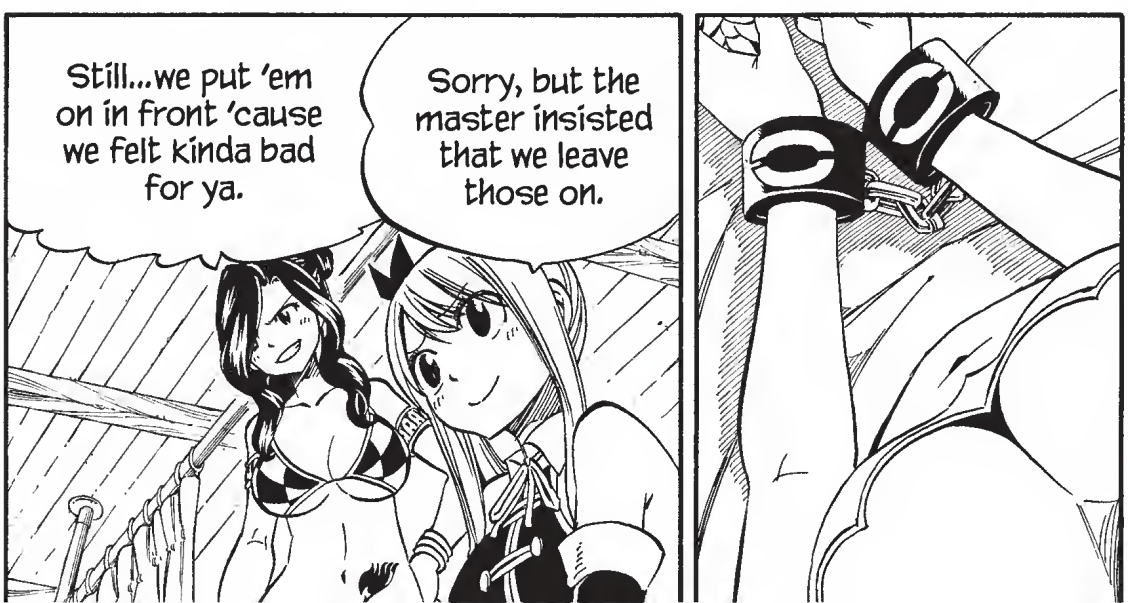

Is this one of the infamous Spriggan 12...?
...has frozen the battlefield solid...
The overwhelming strength of her magic...

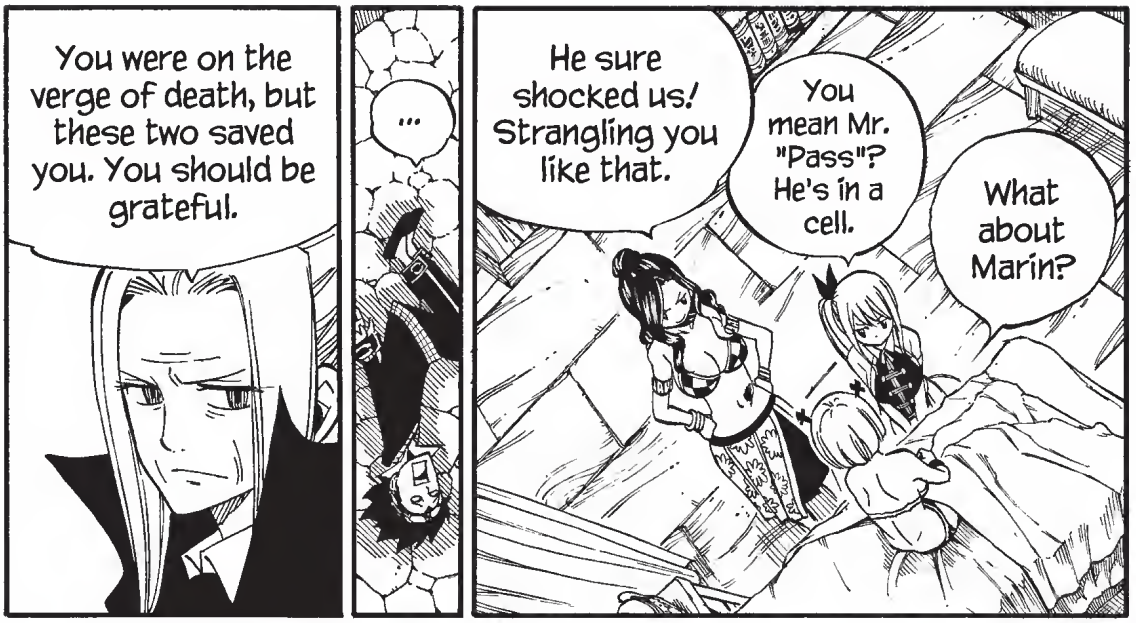

!!
FWISH
ばらり
When did she...?!
Your bangs remind me of Randi's.
I'm going to enjoy toying with you!
♡

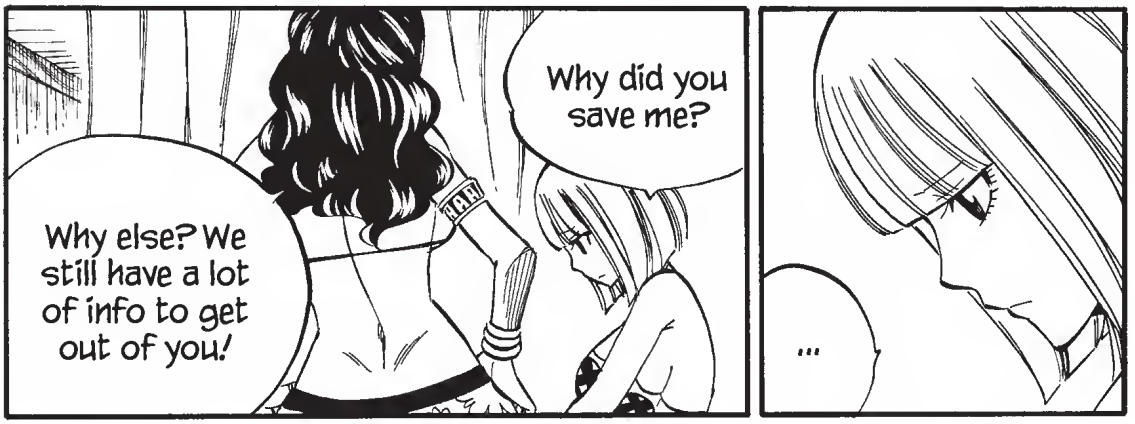


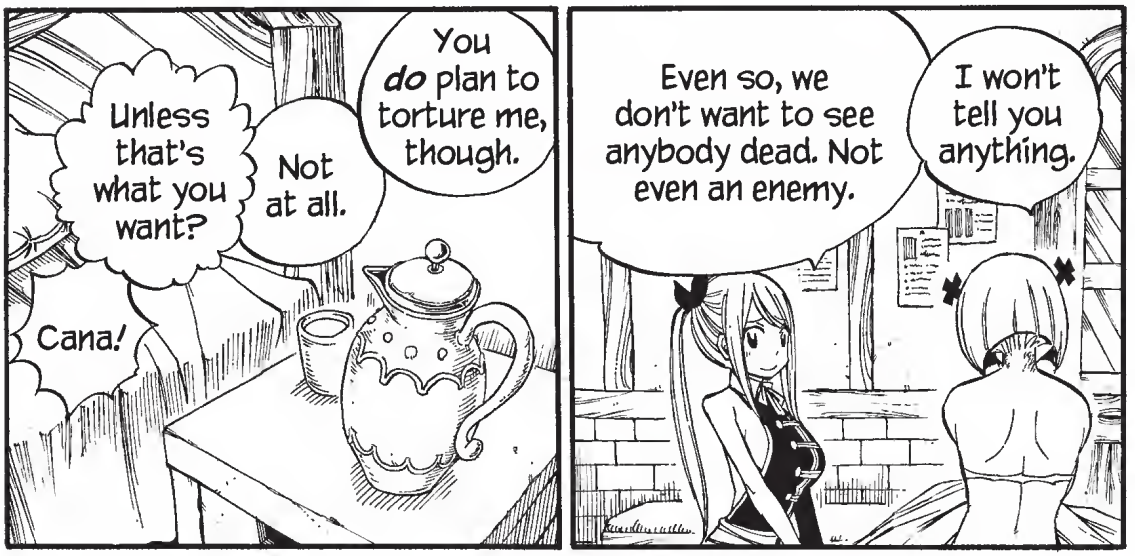

Where am I?!
LURCH
ガバッ
!


!!
The infirmary.


Still...we put 'em on in front 'cause we felt kinda bad for ya.
Sorry, but the master insisted that we leave those on.

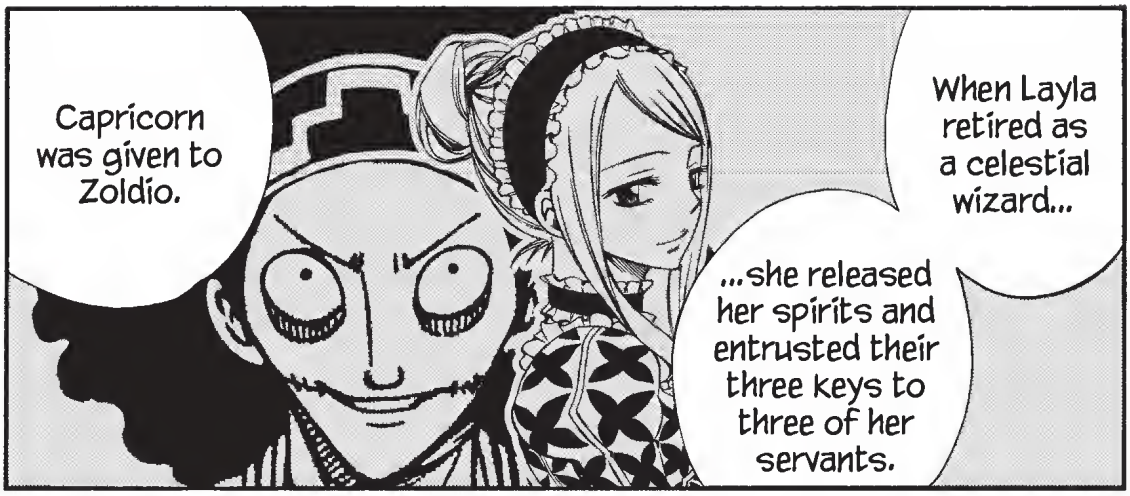

You were on the verge of death, but these two saved you. You should be grateful.
...
He sure shocked us! Strangling you like that.
You mean Mr. "Pass"? He's in a cell.
What about Marin?

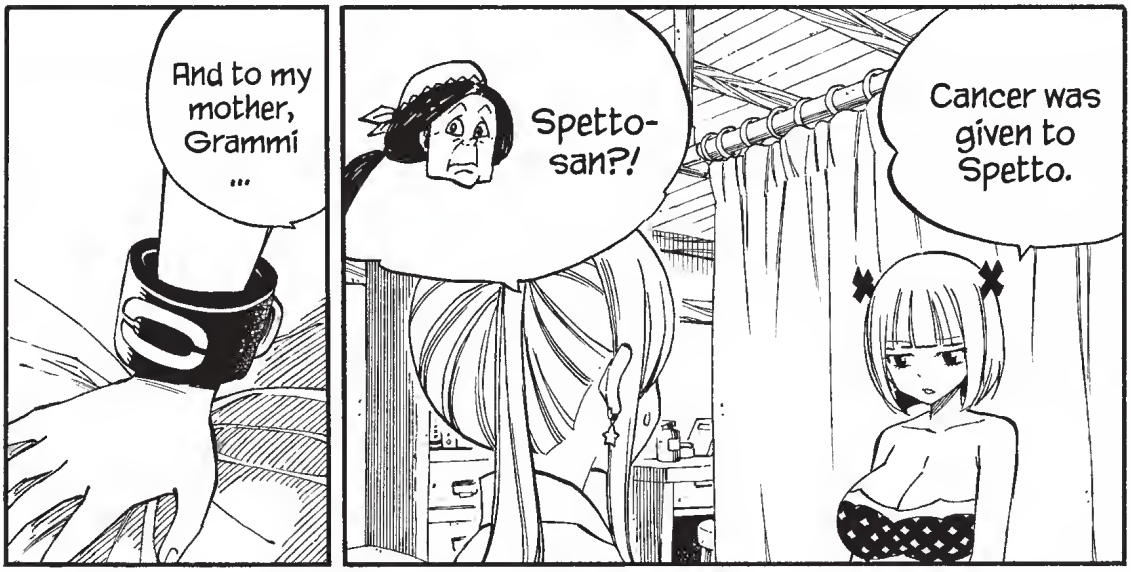

Why did you save me?
Why else? We still have a lot of info to get out of you!
...

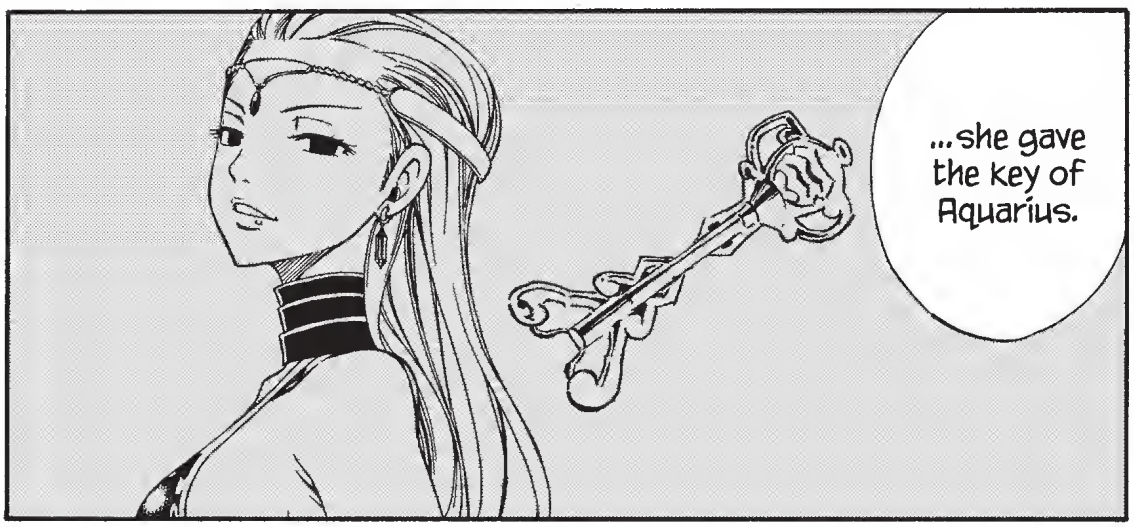

You *do* plan to torture me, though.
Not at all.
Unless that's what you want?
Cana!
Even so, we don't want to see anybody dead. Not even an enemy.
I won't tell you anything.

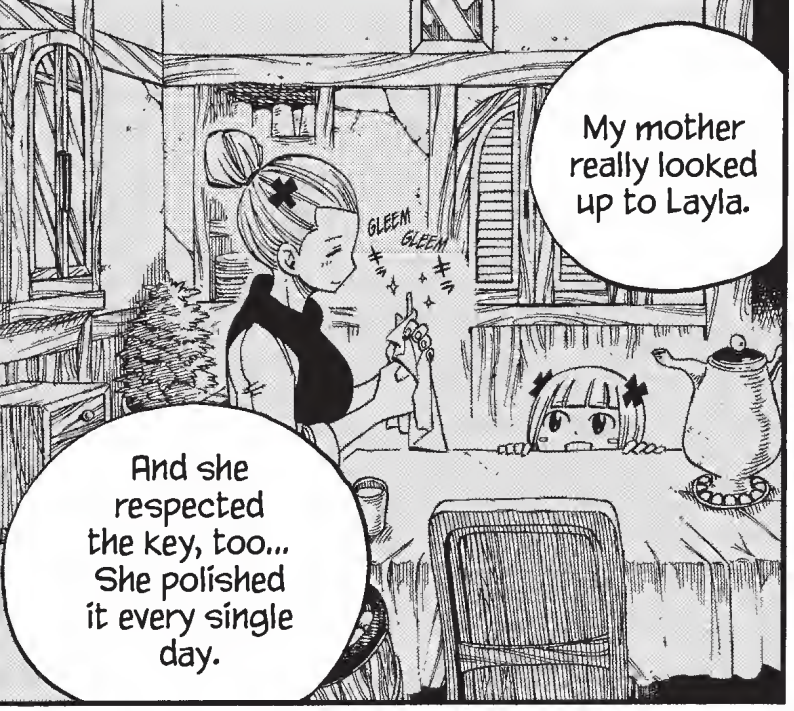
I've shared a bath with you.
You don't seem like an evil person to me.
!
You want to know about Layla?
You think you can dictate terms ...?
It's all right.
I'll be all right, Cana.
Two conditions. First, take these off, and second, I want to talk to Lucy alone.
キィ CREAK

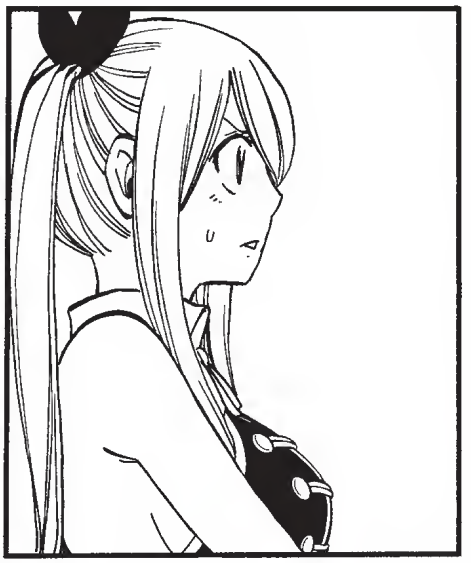
I'm sorry about this, Porlyusica.
I'll undo the binding spell, but the cuffs stay on.
If she tries anything, just shout for us!
STOMP
STOMP
My name is Brandish μ.
My mother's name was Grammi.
She was one of the servants of your mother, Layla.

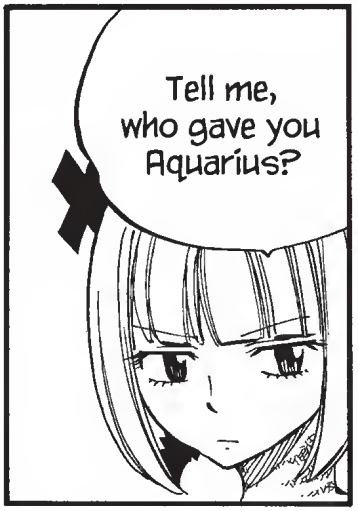

Capricorn was given to Zoldio.
When Layla retired as a celestial wizard...
...she released her spirits and entrusted their three keys to three of her servants.

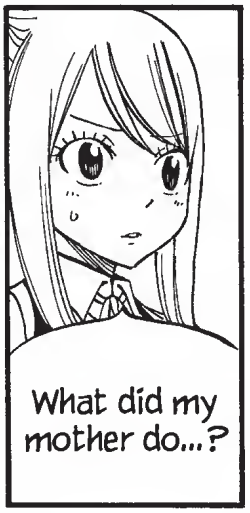

And to my mother, Grammi ...
Spetto-san?!
Cancer was given to Spetto.

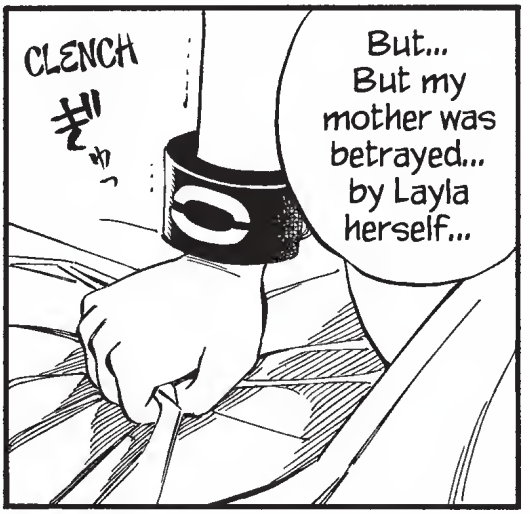

...she gave the key of Aquarius.

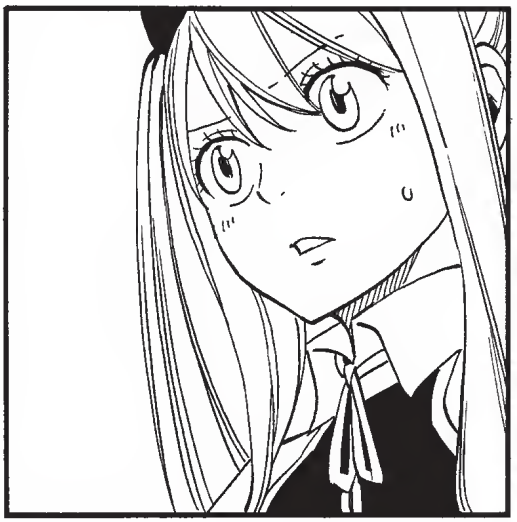

My mother really looked up to Layla.
GLEEM
GLEEM
And she respected the key, too... She polished it every single day.

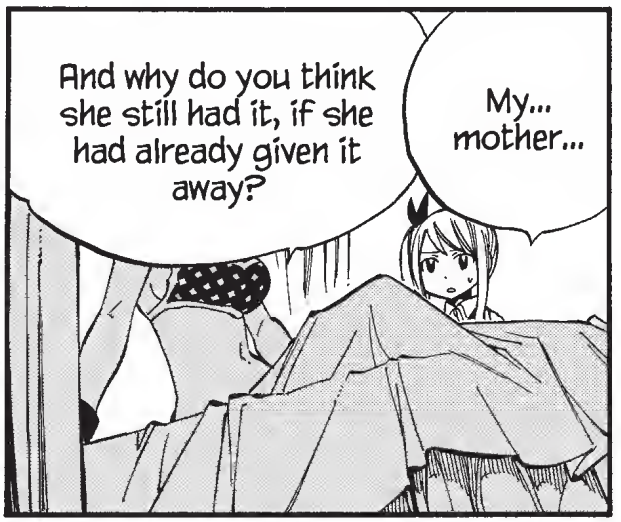


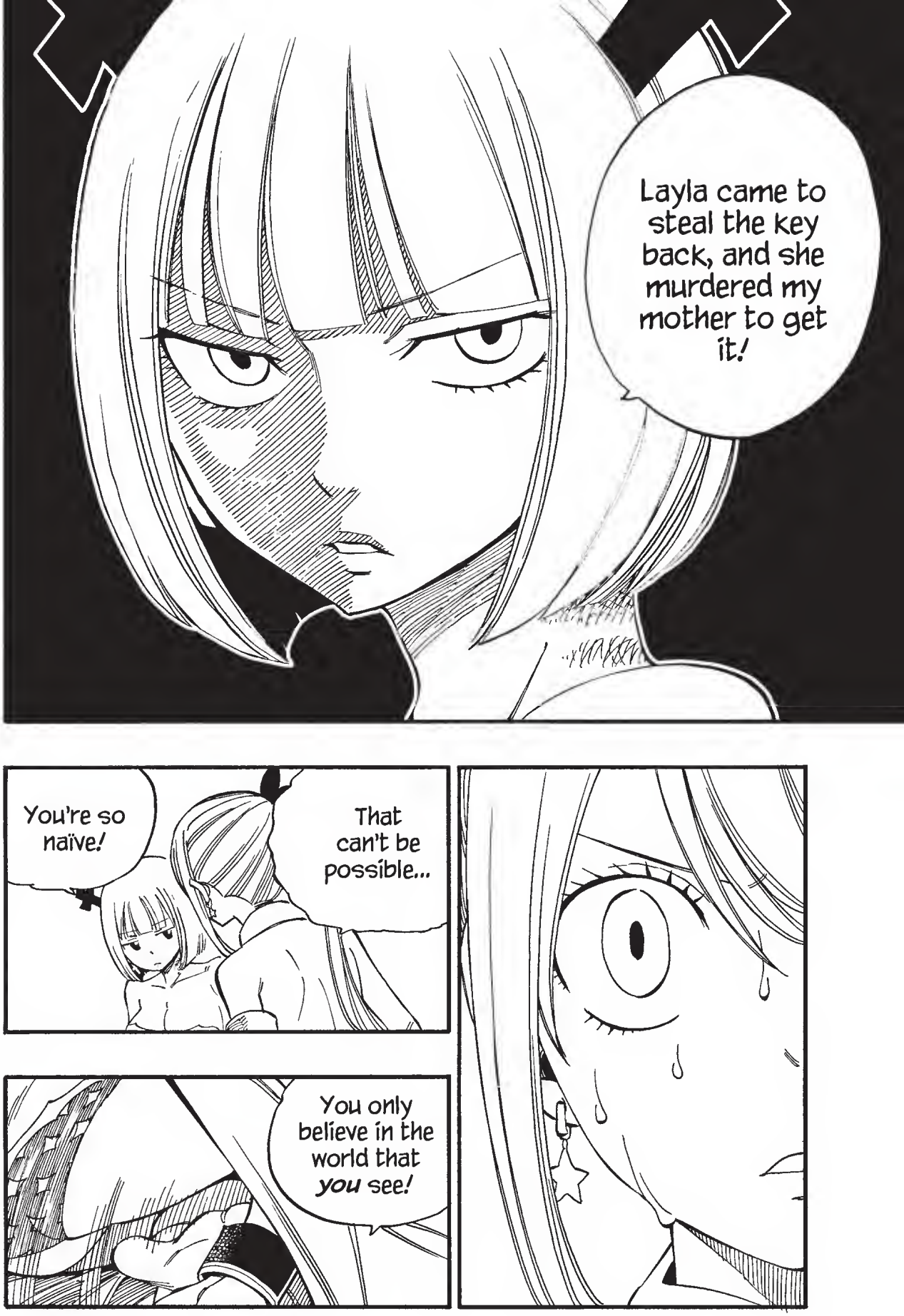

Tell me, who gave you Aquarius?


What did my mother do...?

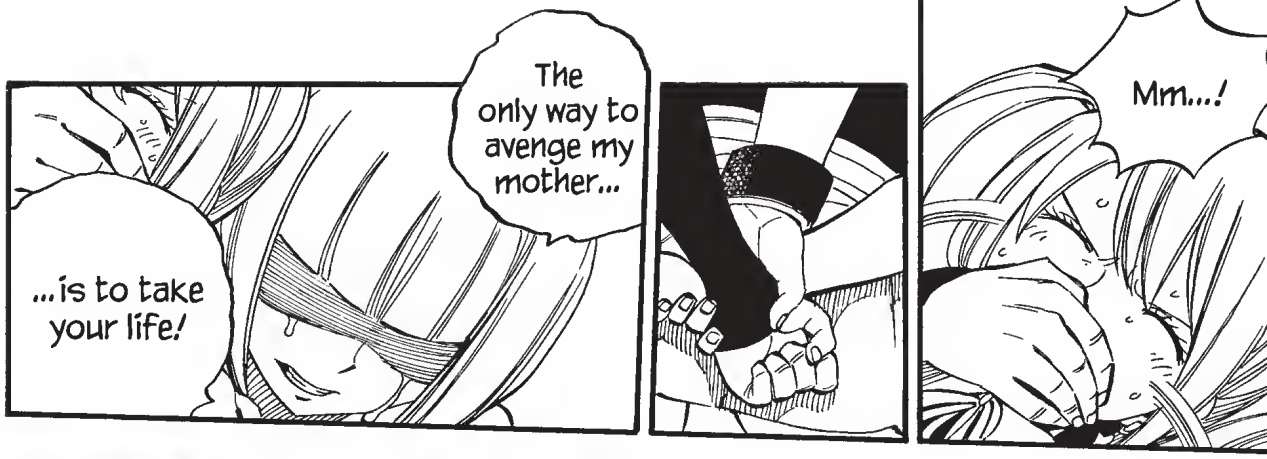

CLENCH
But... But my mother was betrayed... by Layla herself...




And why do you think she still had it, if she had already given it away?
My... mother...


Layla came to steal the key back, and she murdered my mother to get it!
You're so naïve!
That can't be possible...
You only believe in the world that *you* see!

THUD
Wait—
WHOOSH
!
Stop—
Mmm !!
Mmm !!
GRIMP
That naïveté makes you too quick to trust people!
KLENCH
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
GRRNNN
I have nothing against you personally...
...but this is the only way I can do this.


The only way to avenge my mother...
...is to take your life!
Mm...!

Sorry, but...
...you have to die!!

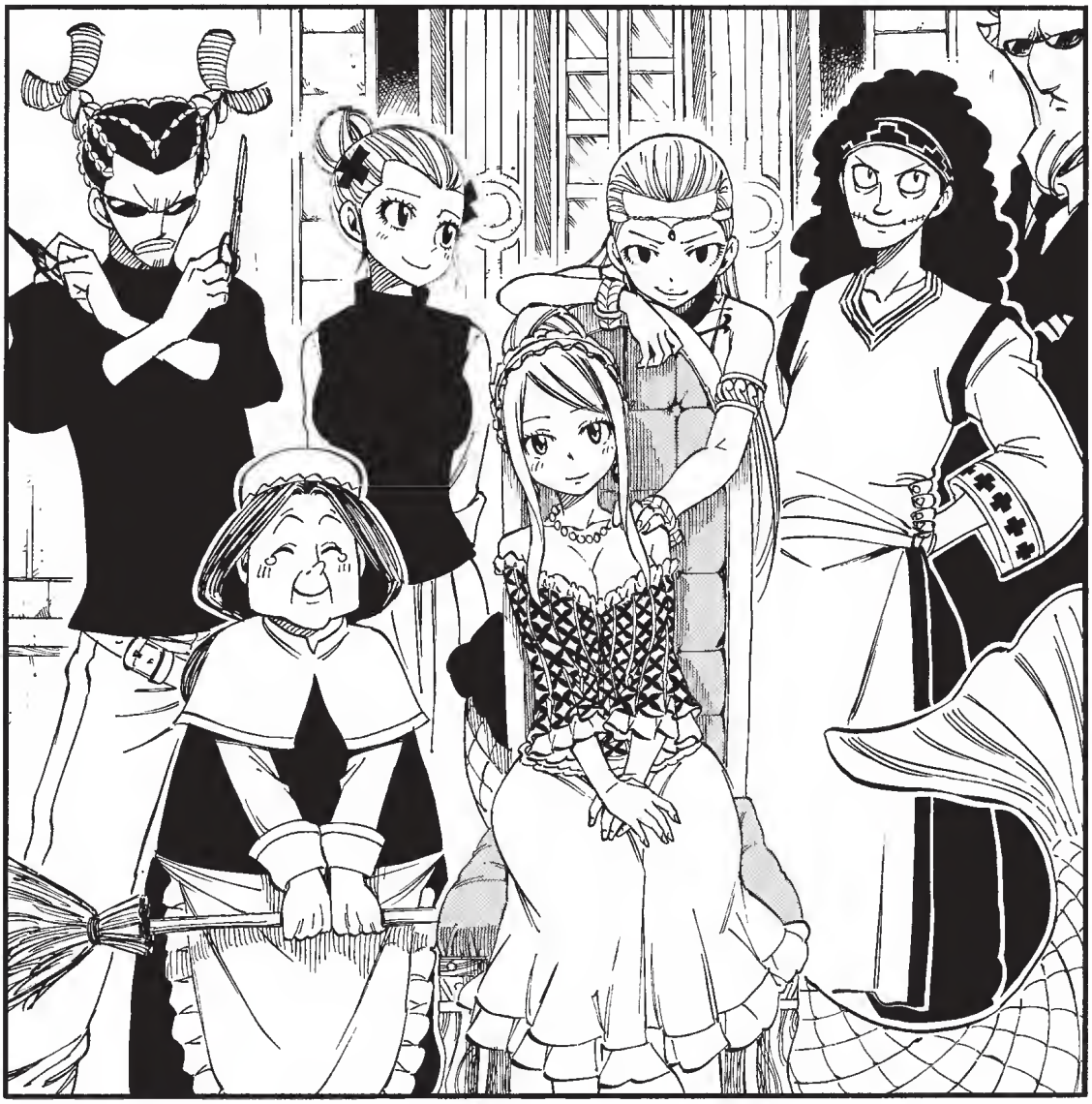
PLIP
チャプ…
PLIP
チャプ…
ROLL
ゴロ…
Mm...
Mm...
ゴロ…
ROLL
THUD
...
WHAM
Ah!!
ZWSSH
ア!
BLOOSH

What were you saying about my key?
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
...
Aquarius...

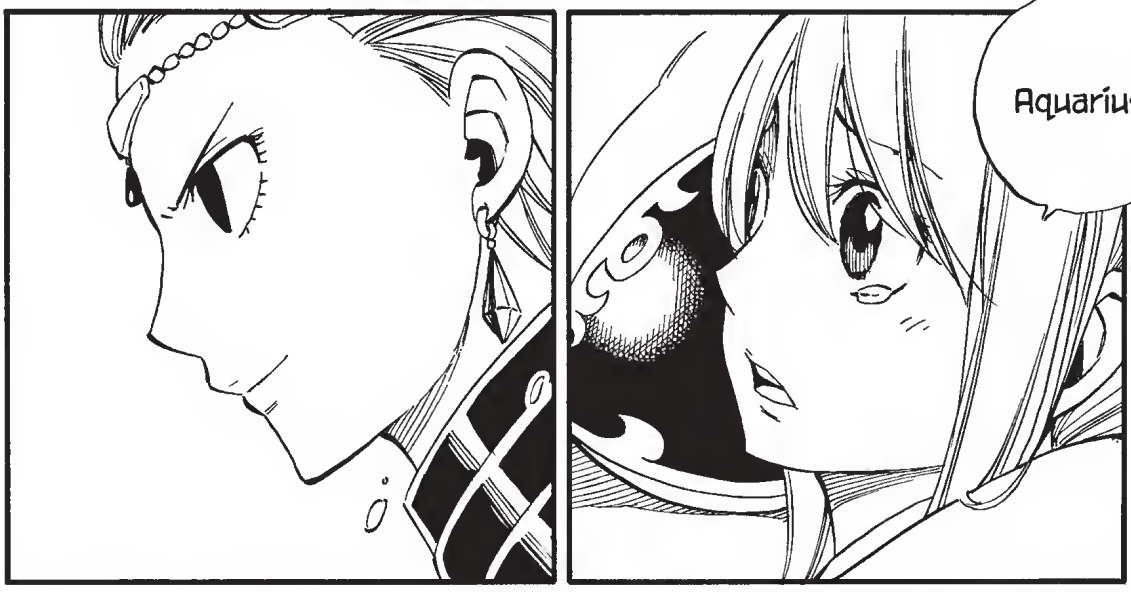
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

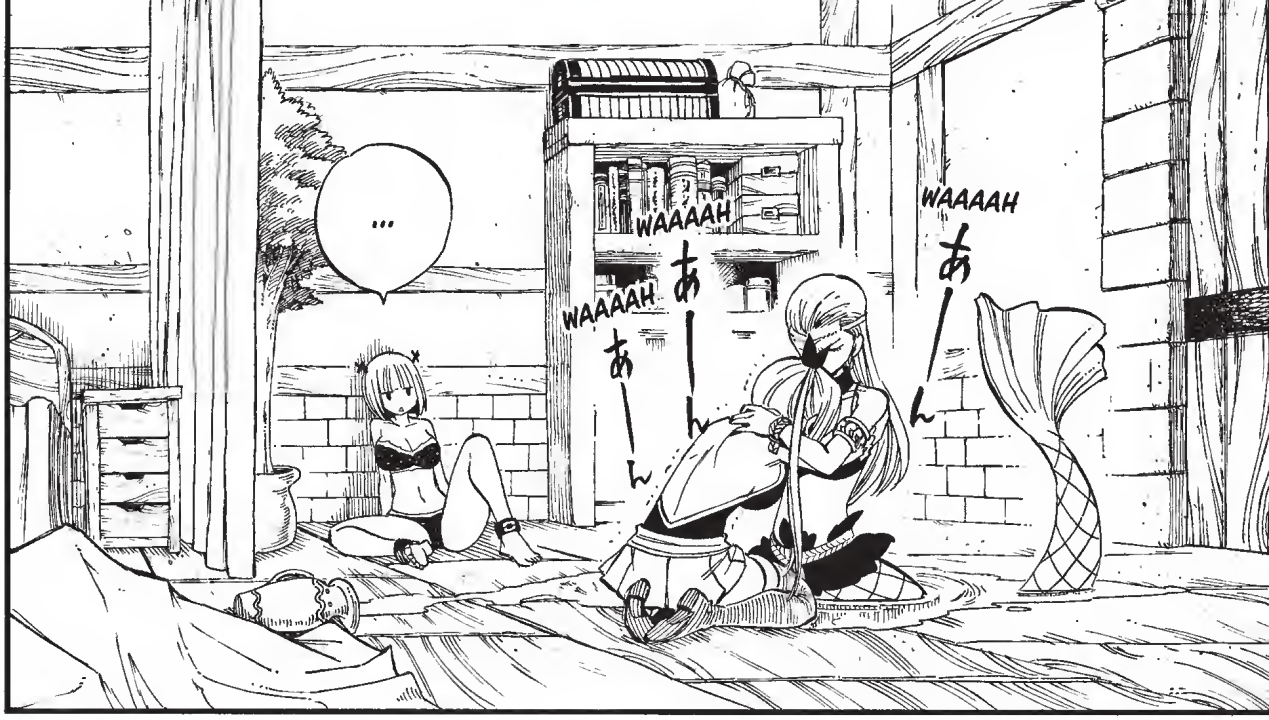
Chapter 468: Star Memory



ZSSHH

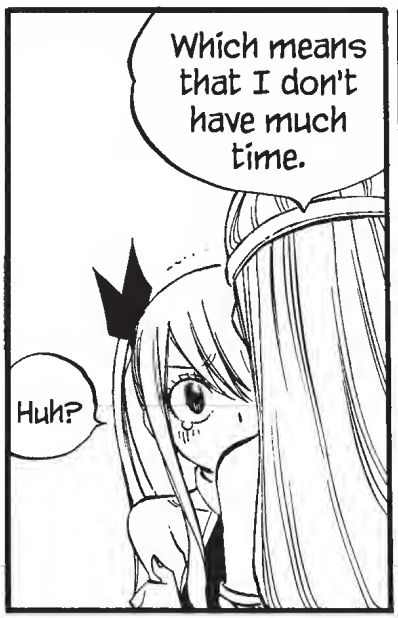

Aquarius...

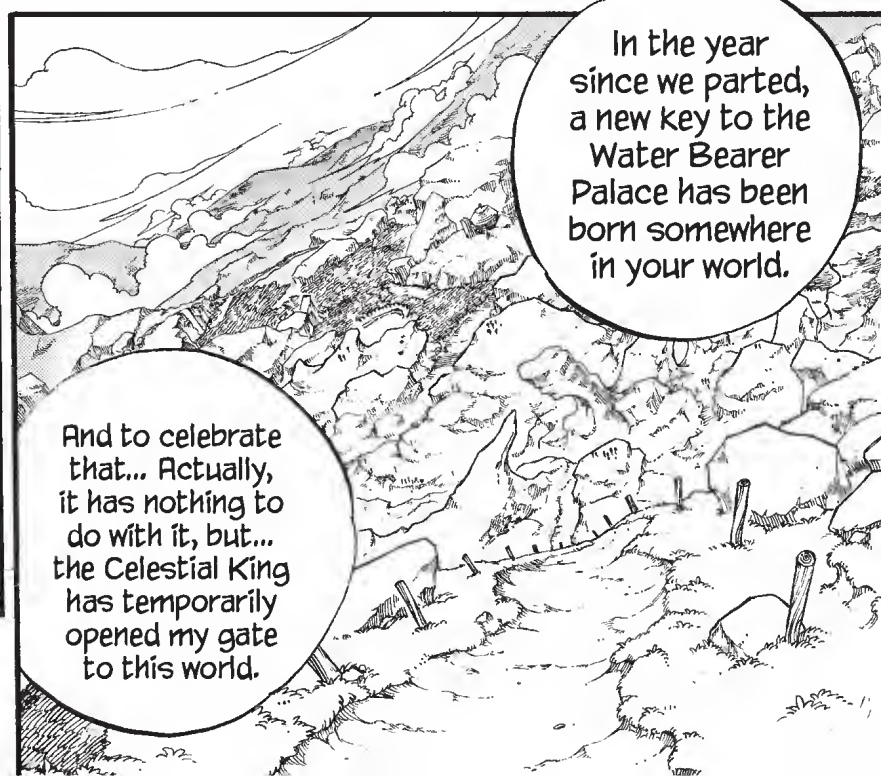
It's been a while, Lucy.
...
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
TEAR
HUG
WAAAAAH!
Aquarius!!

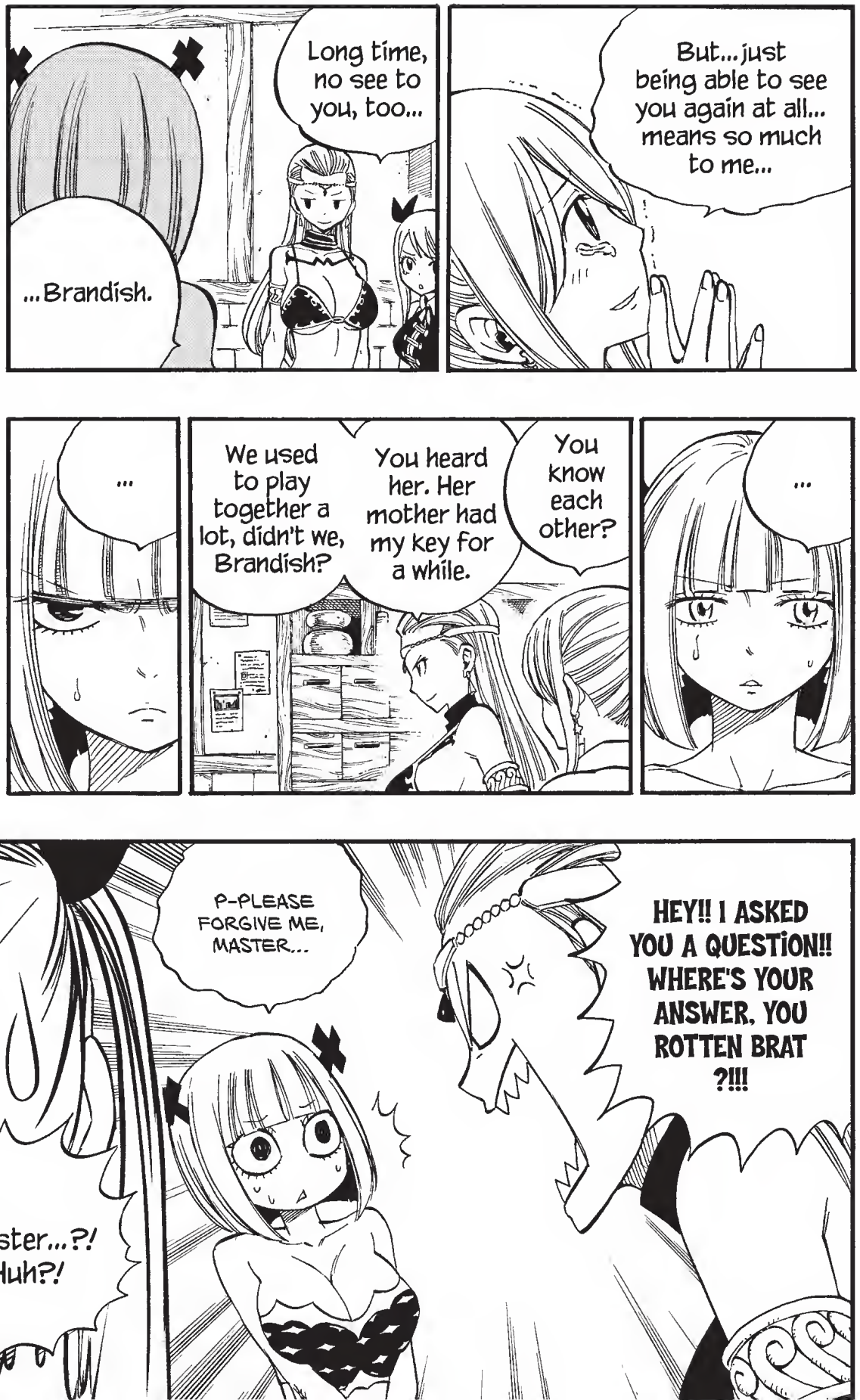

...
WAAAAH
あーん
WAAAAH
あーん
WAAAAH
あーん

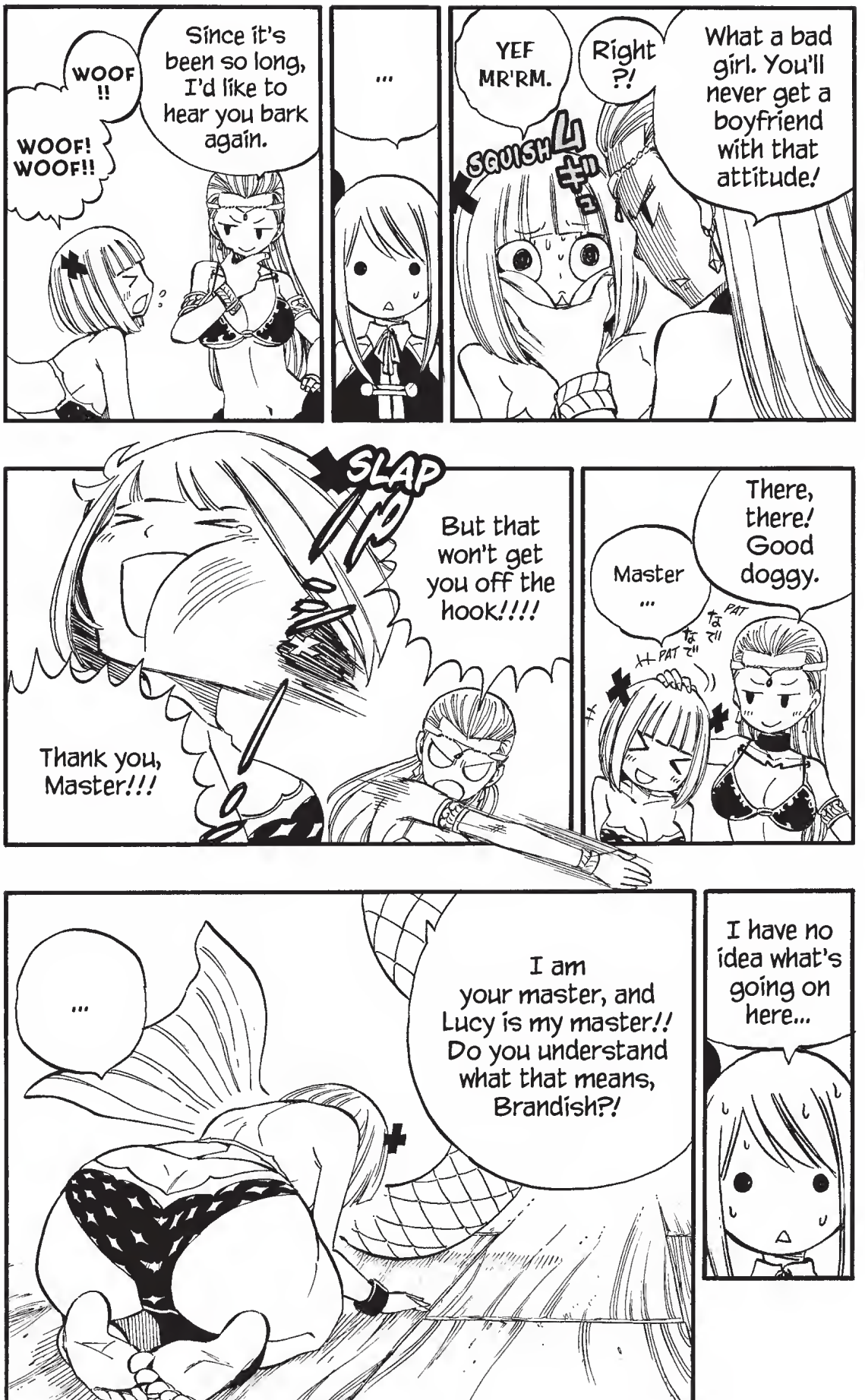
No, I can't stay.

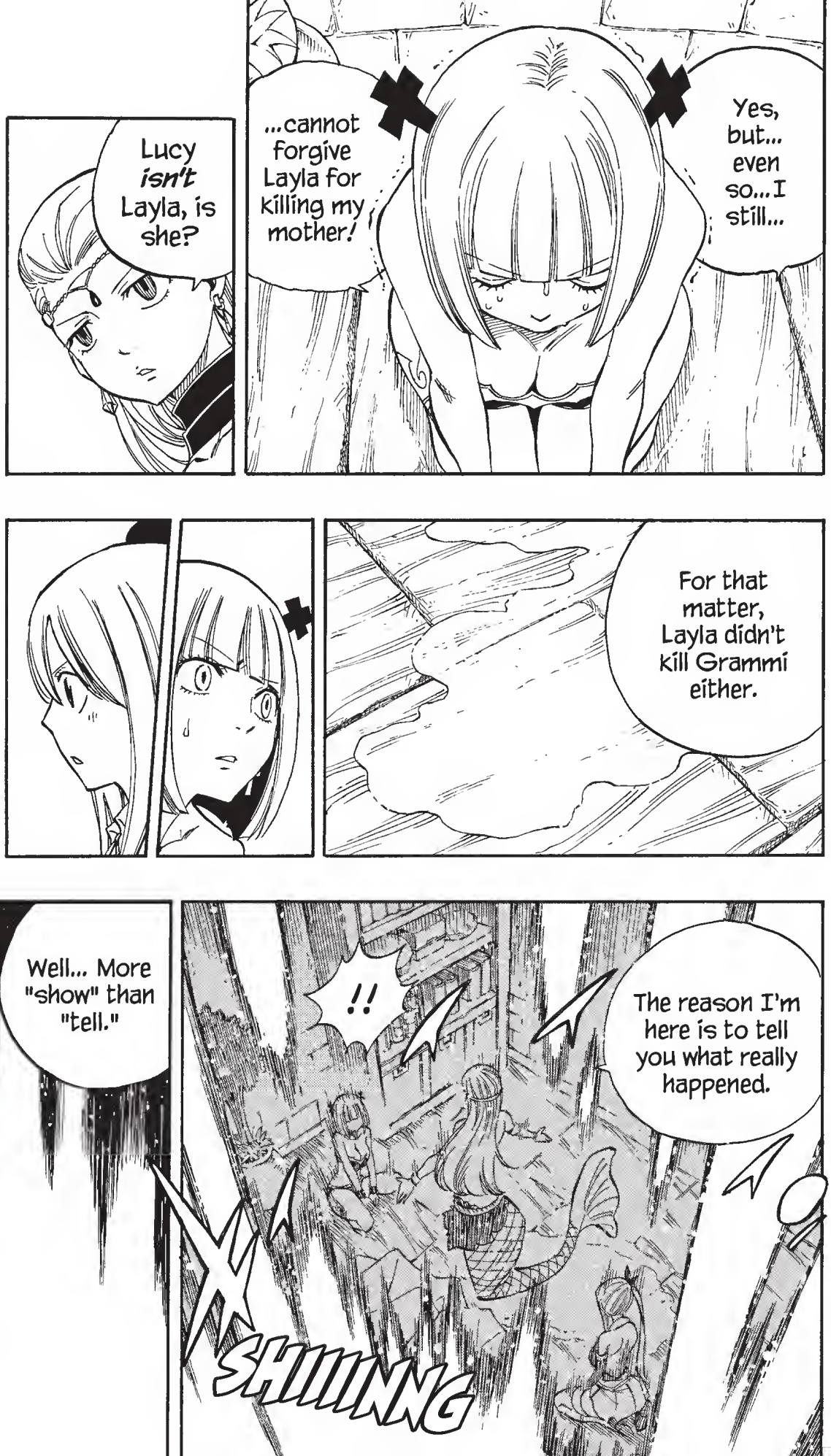
You came back to me, Aquarius!

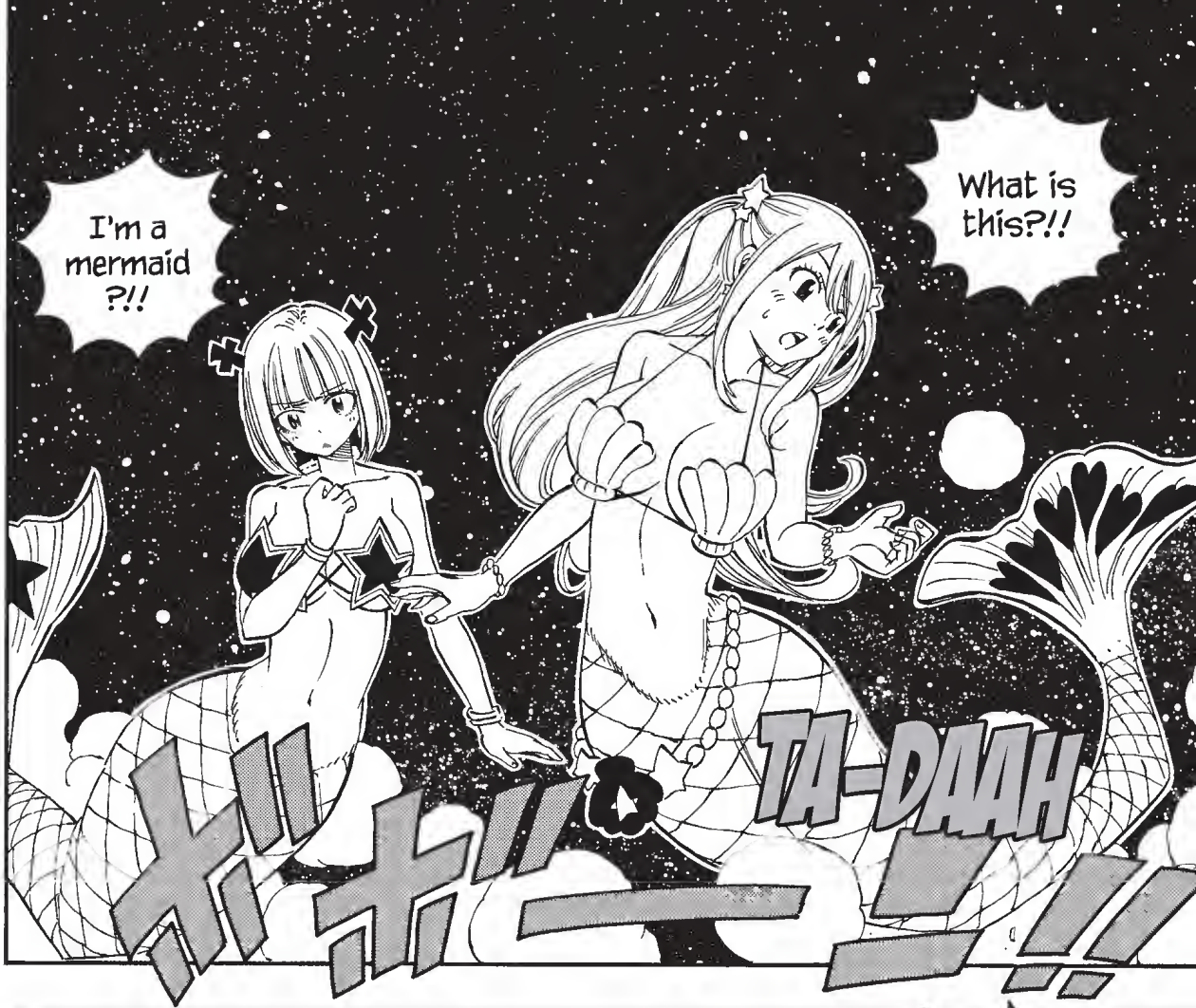

Which means that I don't have much time.
Huh?


In the year since we parted, a new key to the Water Bearer Palace has been born somewhere in your world.
And to celebrate that... Actually, it has nothing to do with it, but... the Celestial King has temporarily opened my gate to this world.


Long time, no see to you, too...
...Brandish.
But...just being able to see you again at all... means so much to me...
...
We used to play together a lot, didn't we, Brandish?
You heard her. Her mother had my key for a while.
You know each other?
...
P-PLEASE FORGIVE ME, MASTER...
HEY!! I ASKED YOU A QUESTION!! WHERE'S YOUR ANSWER, YOU ROTTEN BRAT ?!!!
Master...?! Huh?!

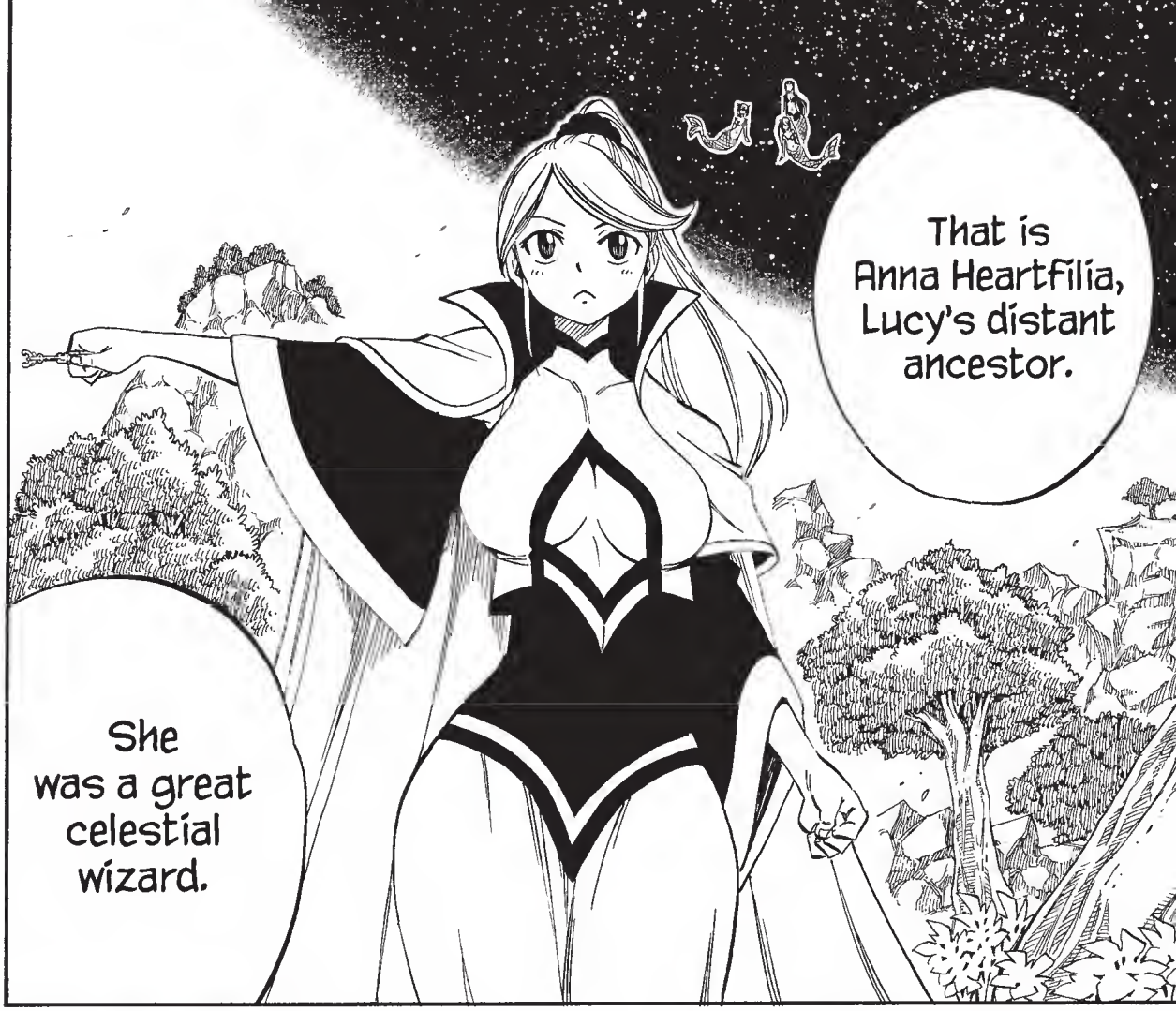

Since it's been so long, I'd like to hear you bark again.
WOOF !!
WOOF! WOOF!!
...
What a bad girl. You'll never get a boyfriend with that attitude!
Right ?!
YEF MR'RM.
SQUISH
But that won't get you off the hook!!!!
SLAP
Thank you, Master!!!
There, there! Good doggy.
Master ...
PAT
I have no idea what's going on here...
I am your master, and Lucy is my master!! Do you understand what that means, Brandish?!
...


Lucy isn't Layla, is she?
...cannot forgive Layla for killing my mother!
Yes, but... even so... I still...
For that matter, Layla didn't kill Grammi either.
Well... More "show" than "tell."
!!
The reason I'm here is to tell you what really happened.
SHIIING

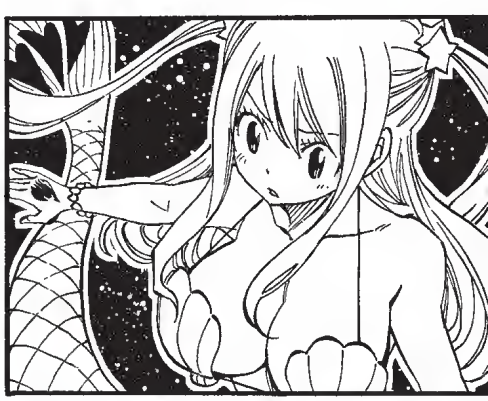

I'm a mermaid ?!!
What is this?!!
TA-DAAH
キャホーー!!

Wait! First, where are we?!

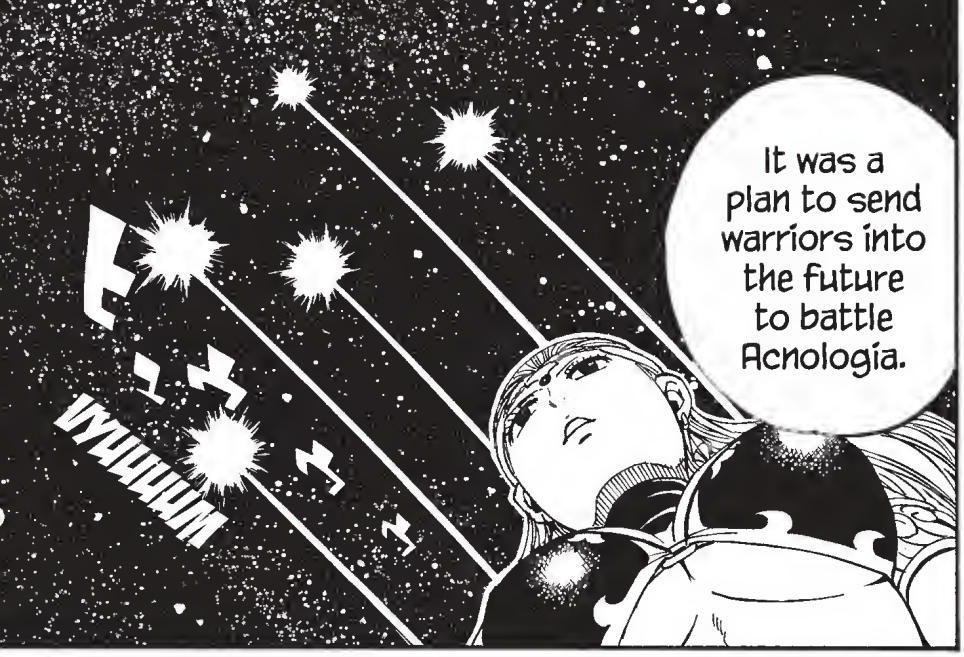
This is Star Memory.
An archive of the memories experienced by the Celestial Spirits.
You can think of it like dreaming, if that's easier.
But everything you see here is how it actually happened.
Follow me.
...
I see someone!


That is Anna Heartfilia, Lucy's distant ancestor.
She was a great celestial wizard.

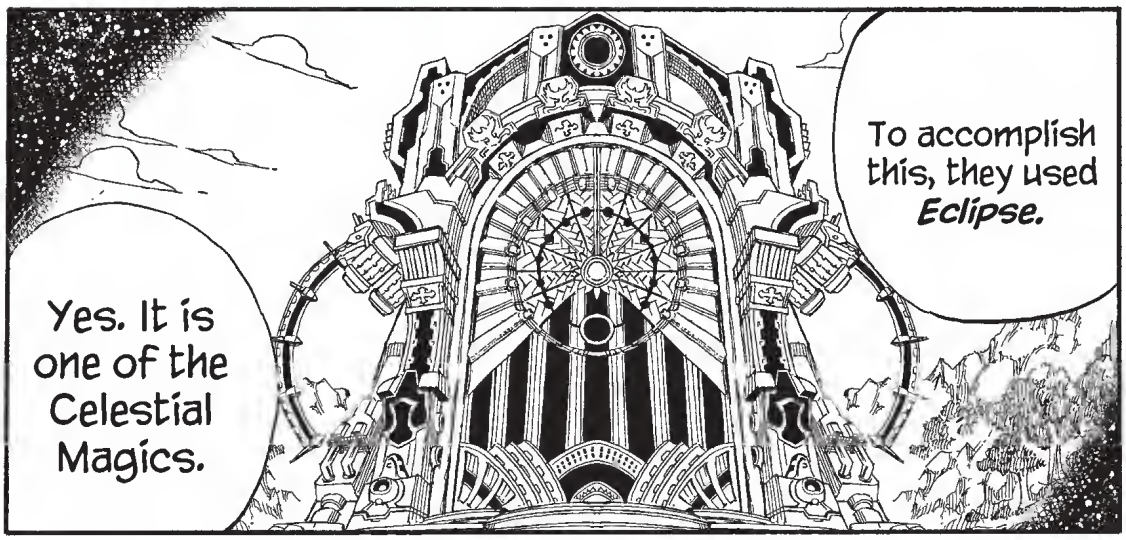
The Black Wizard, dragons, and celestial wizards developed a plan and put it into operation.

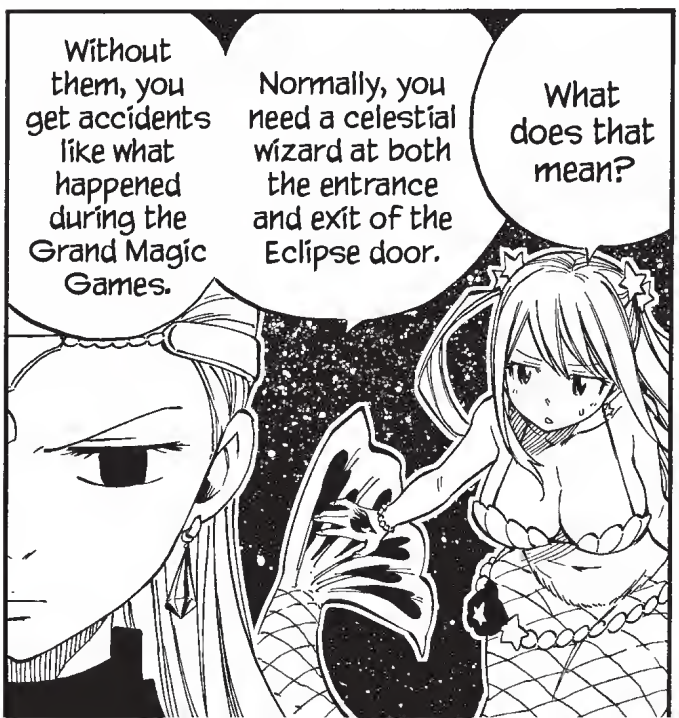


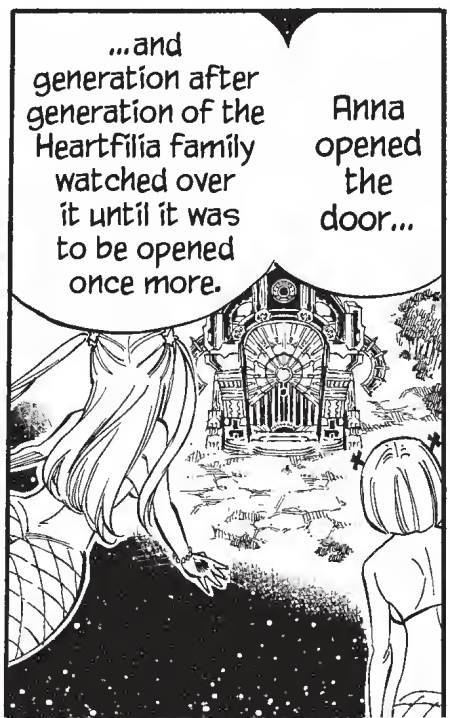
This is 400 years ago.

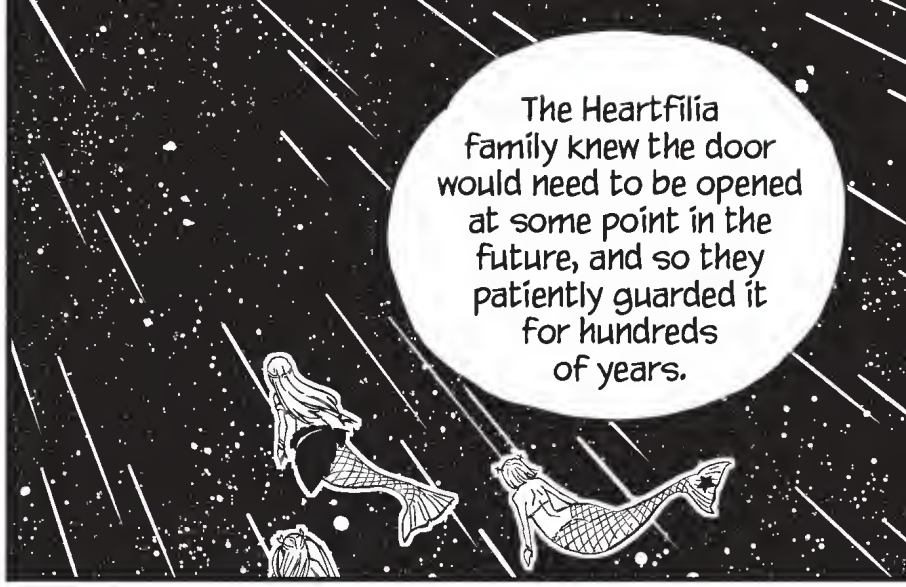

It was a plan to send warriors into the future to battle Acnologia.

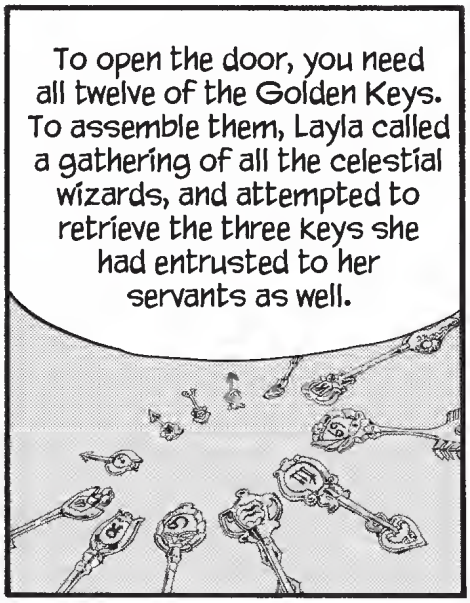
His Majesty ?!
Zeref?!

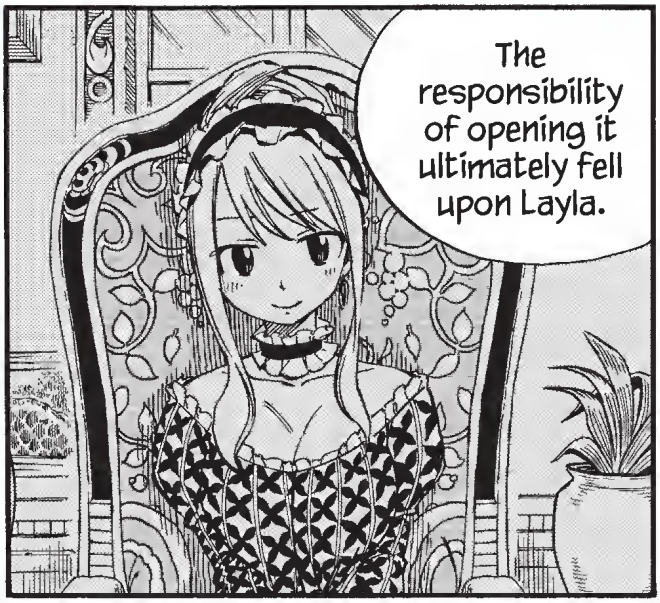

To accomplish this, they used *Eclipse.*
Yes. It is one of the Celestial Magics.

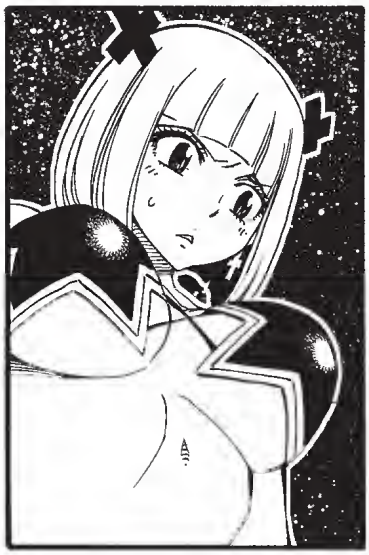

What does that mean?
Normally, you need a celestial wizard at both the entrance and exit of the Eclipse door.
Without them, you get accidents like what happened during the Grand Magic Games.

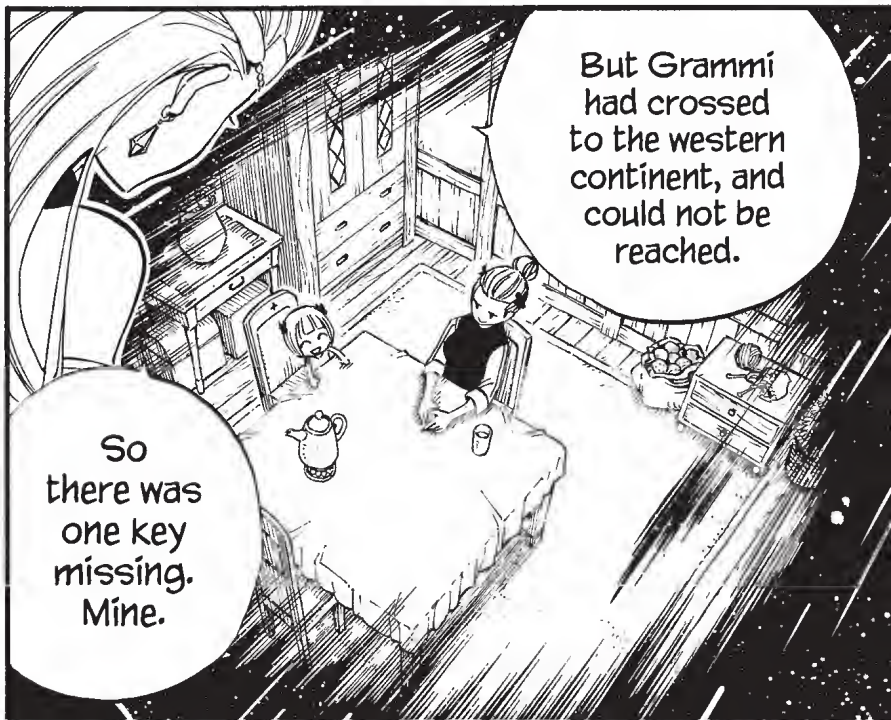

Anna opened the door...
...and generation after generation of the Heartfilia family watched over it until it was to be opened once more.

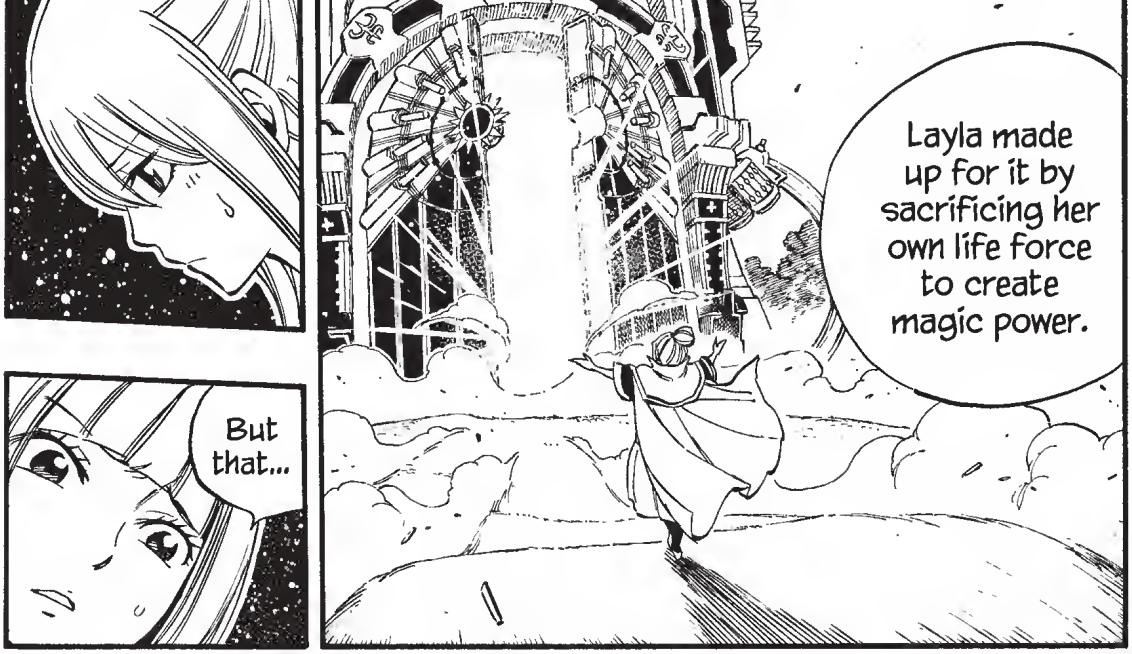

The Heartfilia family knew the door would need to be opened at some point in the future, and so they patiently guarded it for hundreds of years.

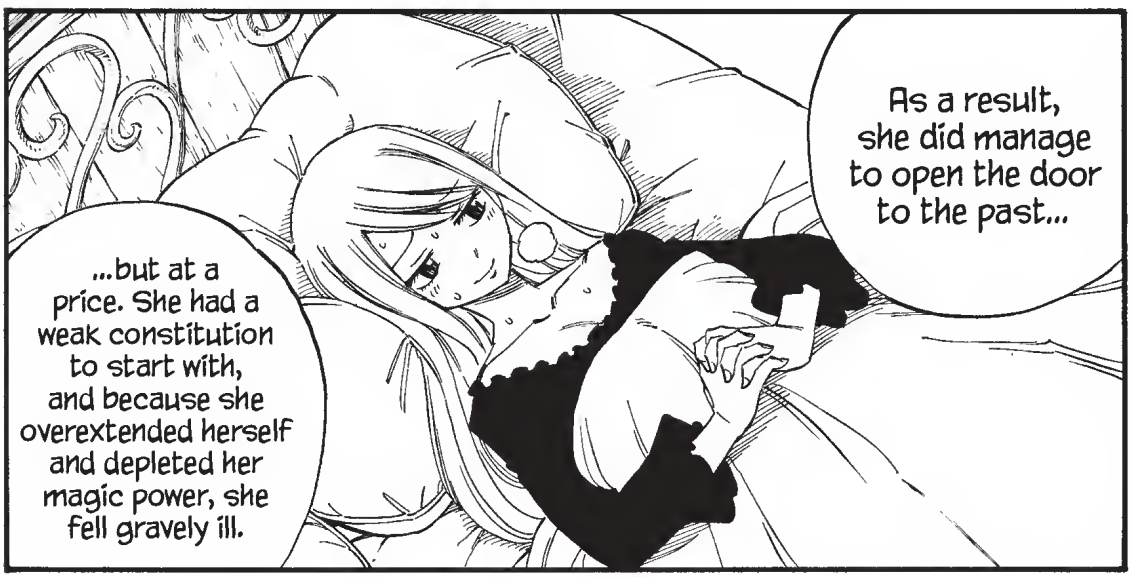

To open the door, you need all twelve of the Golden Keys. To assemble them, Layla called a gathering of all the celestial wizards, and attempted to retrieve the three keys she had entrusted to her servants as well.

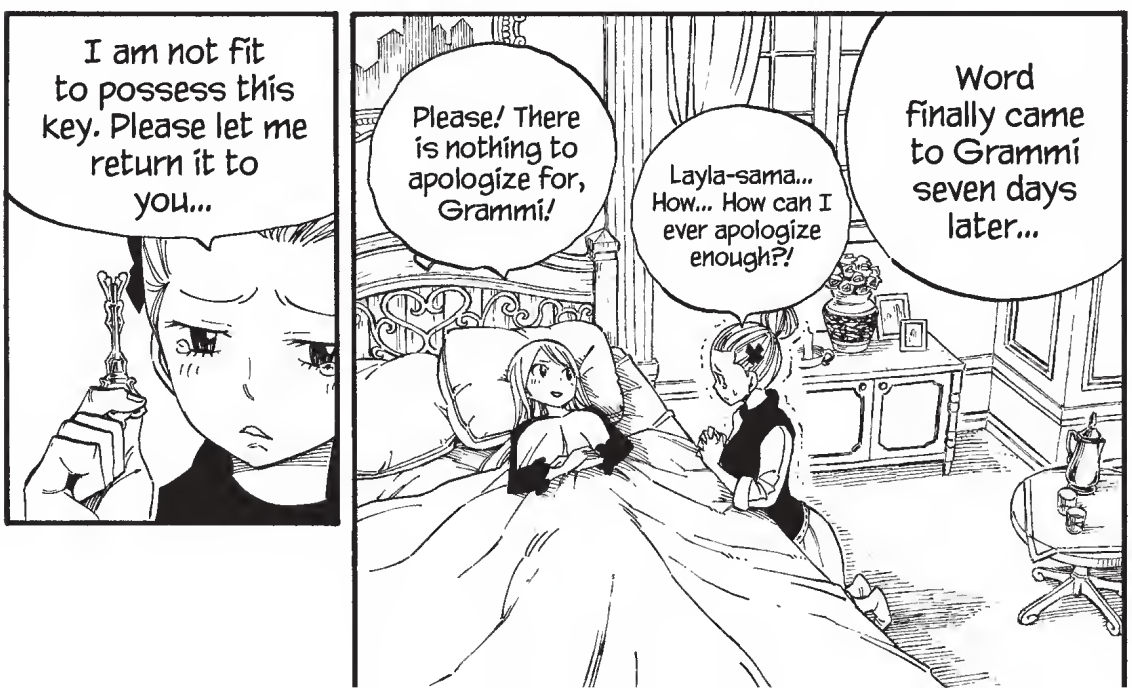

The responsibility of opening it ultimately fell upon Layla.

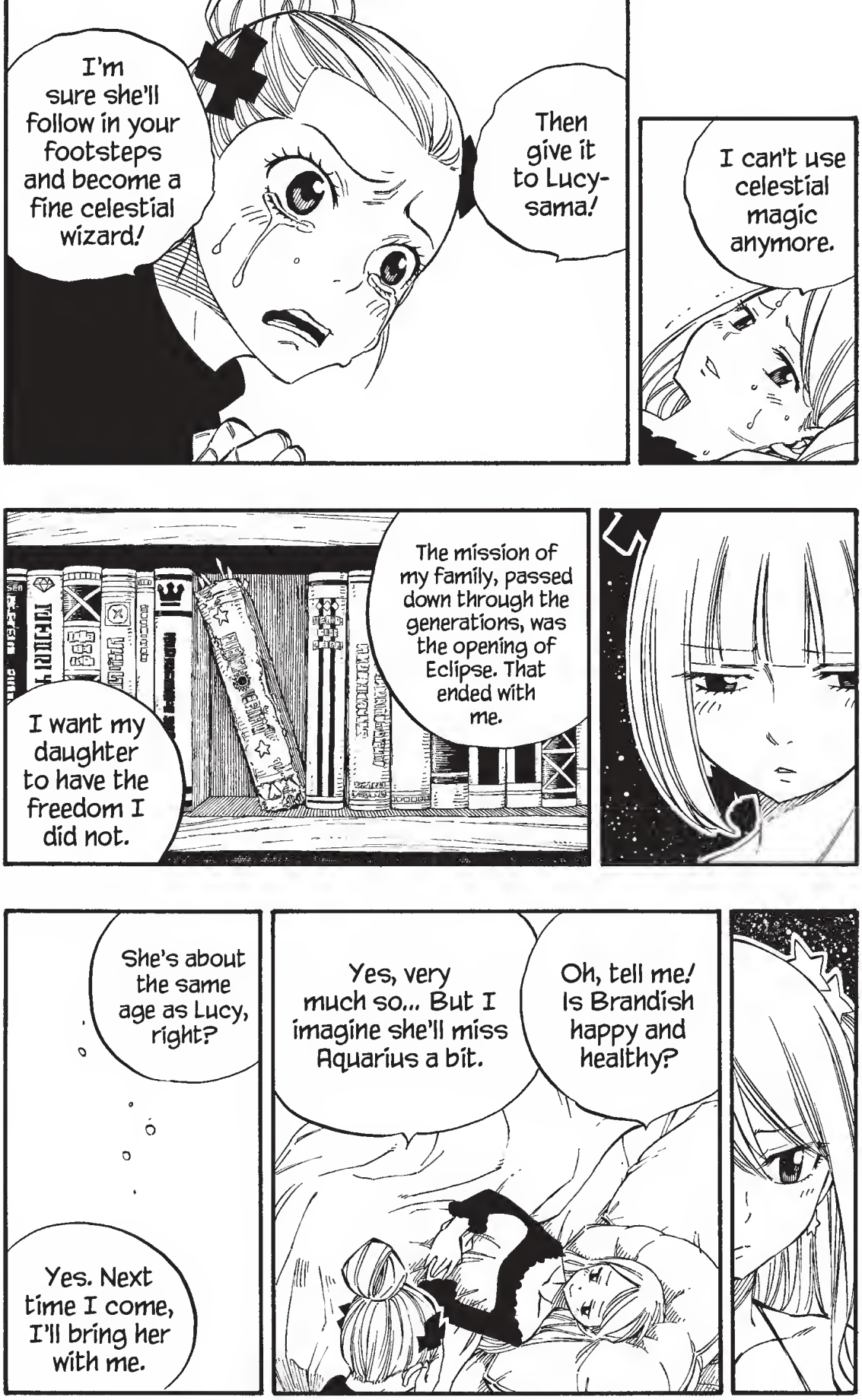



But Grammi had crossed to the western continent, and could not be reached.
So there was one key missing. Mine.

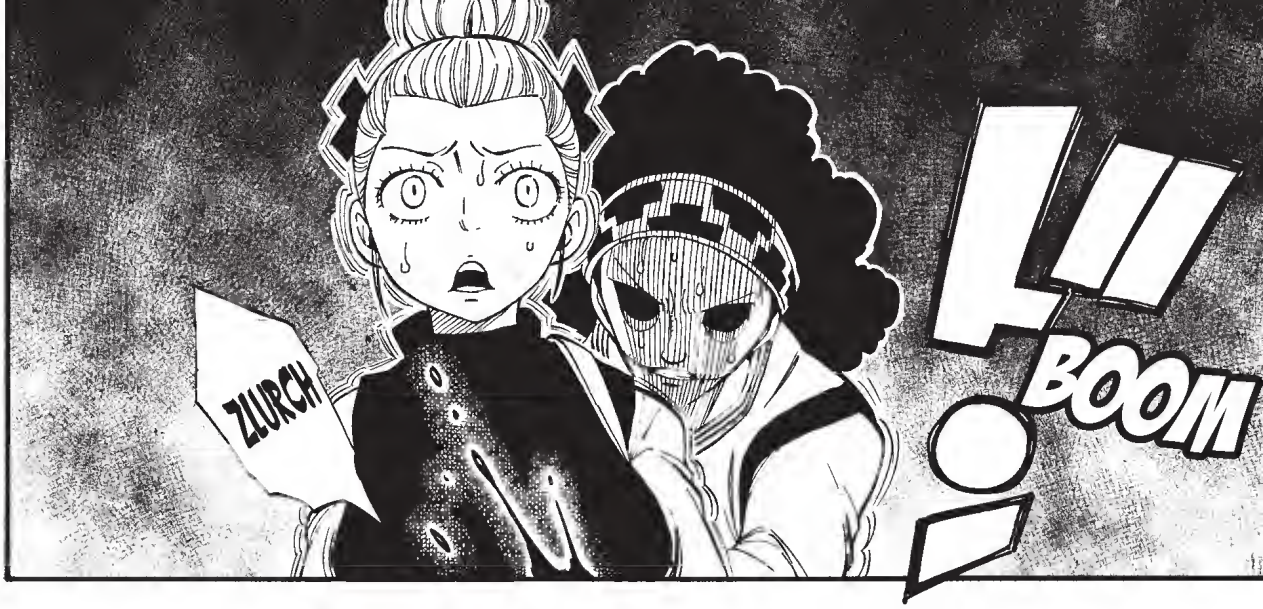

But that...
Layla made up for it by sacrificing her own life force to create magic power.

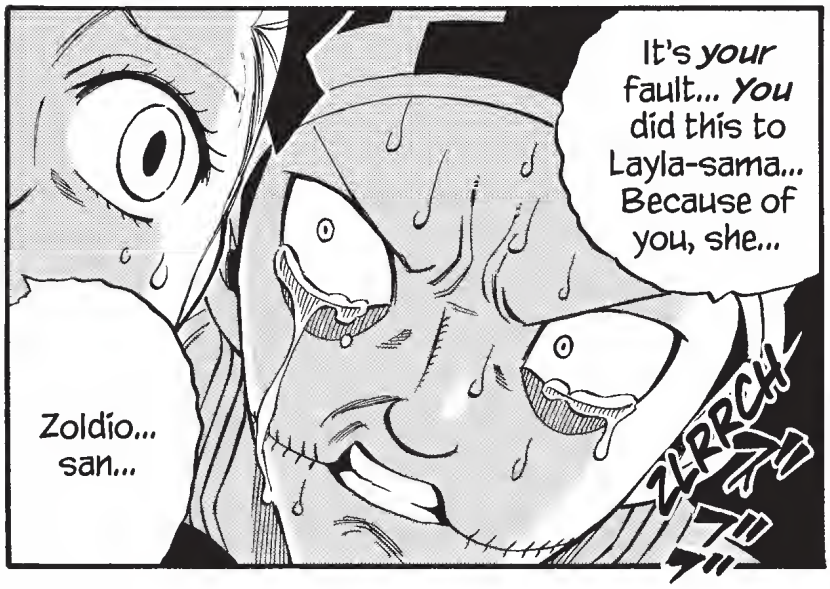

...but at a price. She had a weak constitution to start with, and because she overextended herself and depleted her magic power, she fell gravely ill.
As a result, she did manage to open the door to the past...


I am not fit to possess this key. Please let me return it to you...
Please! There is nothing to apologize for, Grammi!
Layla-sama... How... How can I ever apologize enough?!
Word finally came to Grammi seven days later...


I'm sure she'll follow in your footsteps and become a fine celestial wizard!
Then give it to Lucy-sama!
I can't use celestial magic anymore.
I want my daughter to have the freedom I did not.
The mission of my family, passed down through the generations, was the opening of Eclipse. That ended with me.
She's about the same age as Lucy, right?
Yes. Next time I come, I'll bring her with me.
Yes, very much so... But I imagine she'll miss Aquarius a bit.
Oh, tell me! Is Brandish happy and healthy?

I'm sure they will!
I hope they become friends.
Layla-sama...
No, I've always considered you a good friend, Grammi!
Layla-sama! I would never presume...
As close as us?


ZURCH
!!!
BOOM

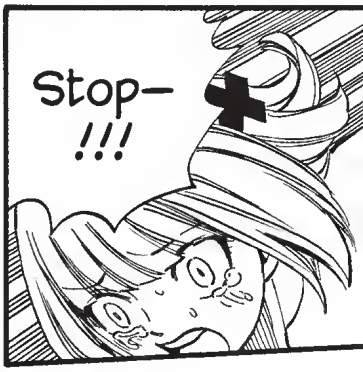

It's *your* fault... *You* did this to Layla-sama... Because of you, she...
Zoldio... san...
ZLRRCH

Mother !!!

I have one request... Zoldio-san...

You've *killed* Layla-sama... You...
SNIFF

Yes... It *is* my fault... So naturally... I should pay... the price...


Stop– !!!

...

Don't hurt my daughter... Promise you won't take it out on Brandish...
I will give up my life for what I've done... so please honor my dying request.
Mother !!!
Aaaa ...
Aaaa ...
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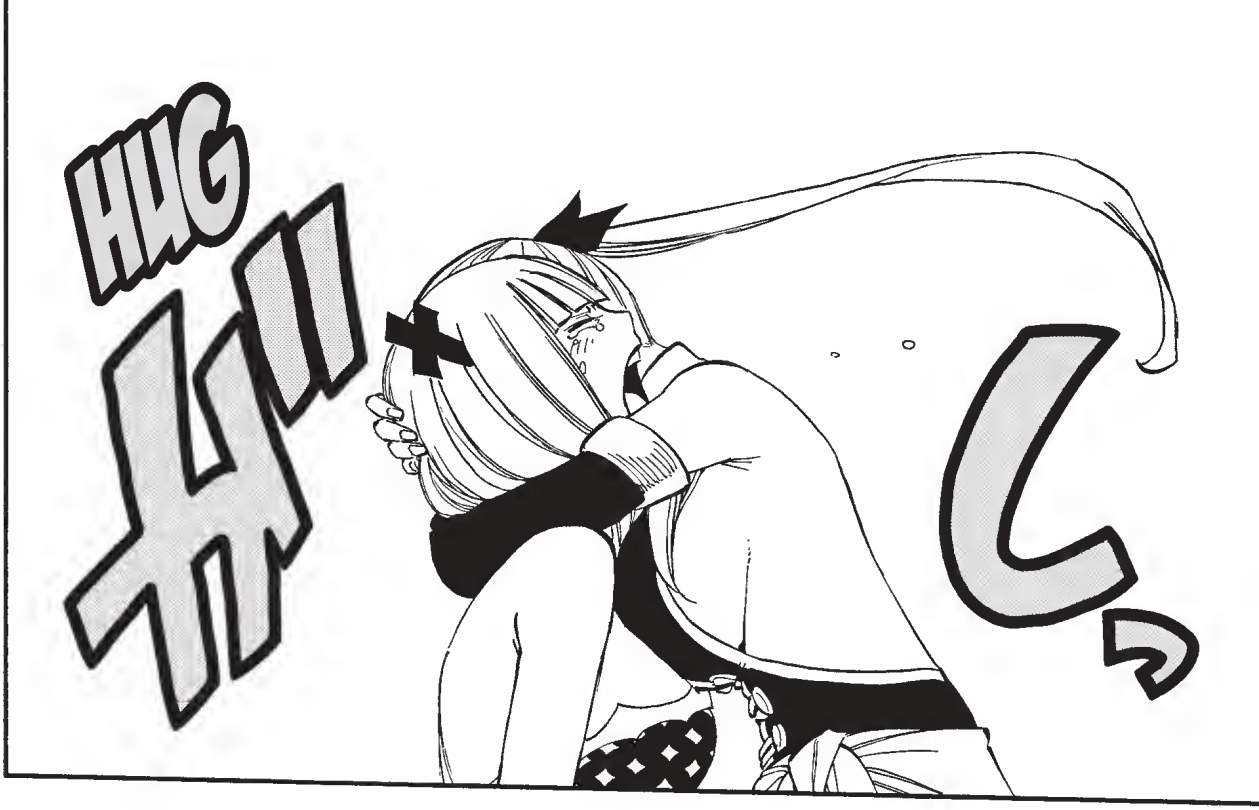
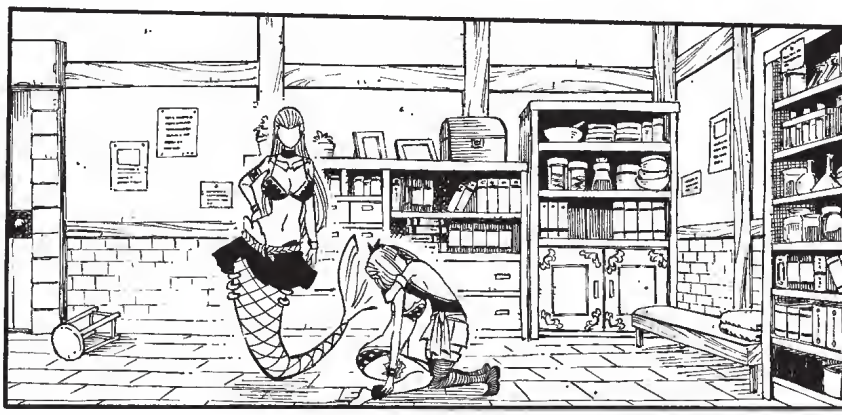
あAAAAAAAA


HUG



Can't you and I be friends...?
Like our mothers were?

SLAM
Lucy, there's one more crucial thing I need to tell—
H...
Help...
!!!
Happy?

Natsu isn't moving!!! I don't know what's wrong !!!
He needs help real bad!!!
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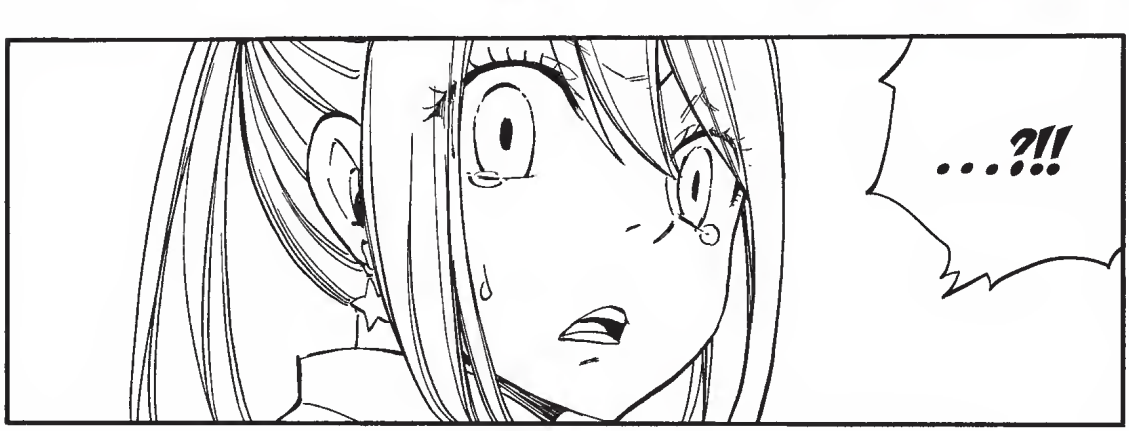
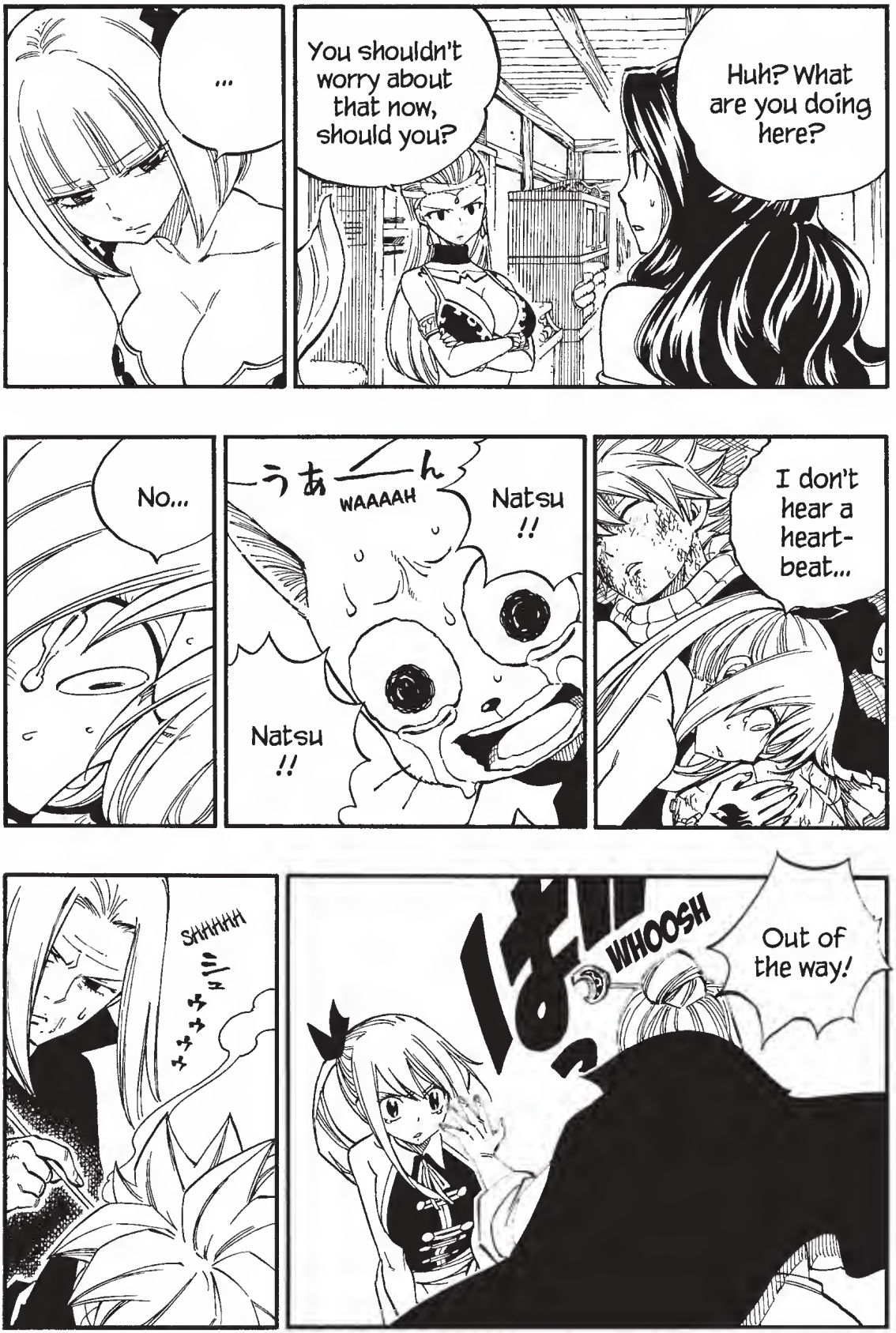

...?!!

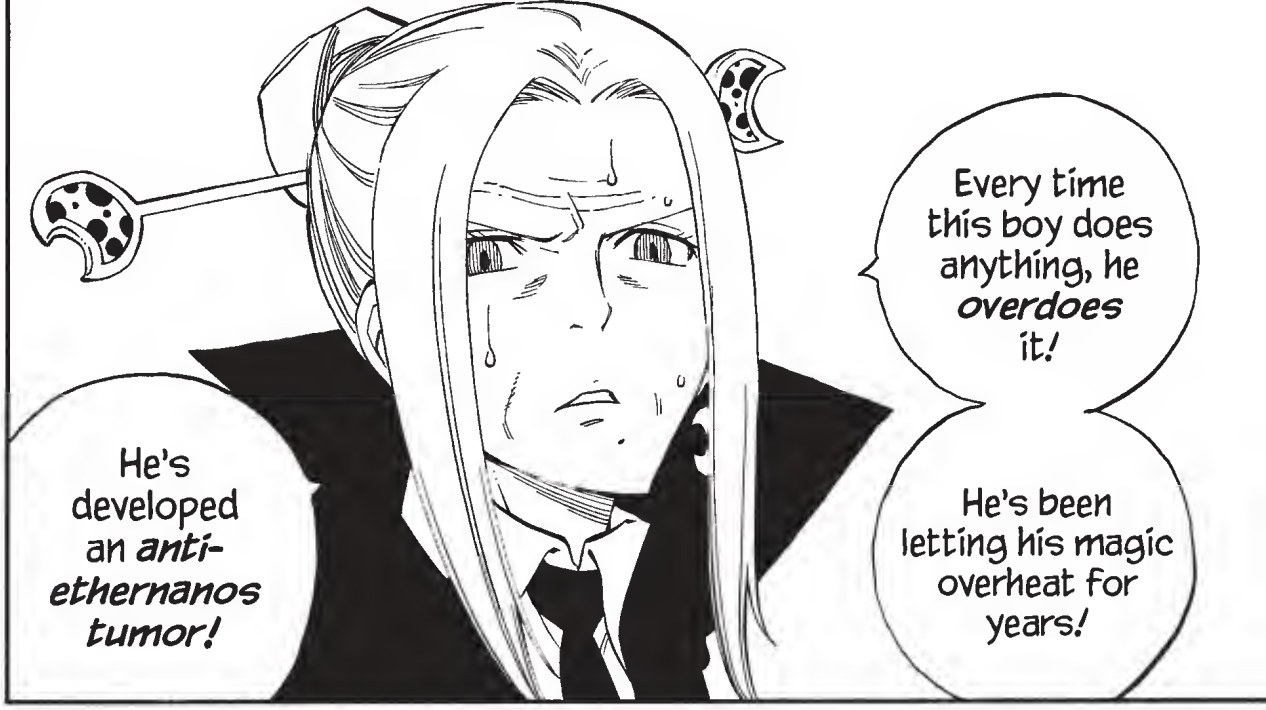
FAIRY TAIL

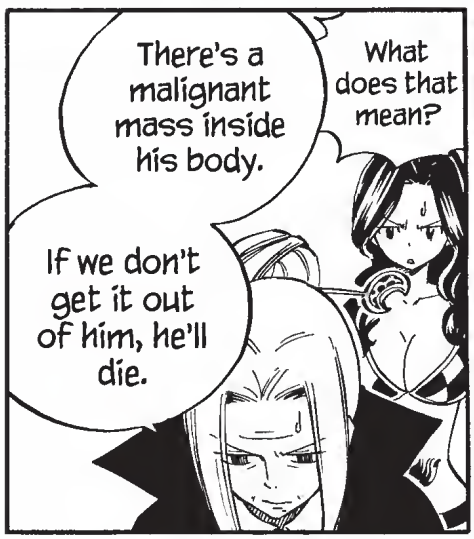
フェアリーテイル

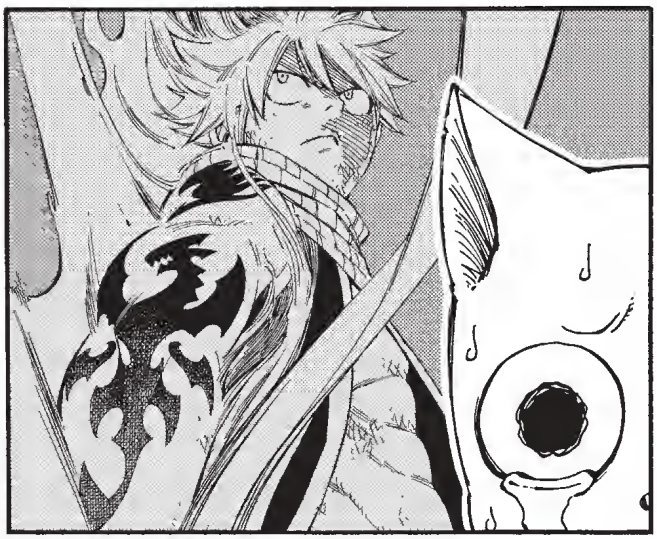
Chapter 469: What I Want to Do

TMP
TMP
What's going on in here?!
I heard a commotion.
Natsu was fighting Zeref...
...but we had to run away...
Then all of a sudden, Natsu just...
!
SHAKE
SHAKE
Natsu!! What's wrong?! Snap out of it!!


...
You shouldn't worry about that now, should you?
Huh? What are you doing here?
No...
うあーーーん
WAAAAH
Natsu !!
Natsu !!
I don't hear a heart-beat...
SHHHHH
WHOOSH
Out of the way!


He's developed an *anti-ethernanos tumor!*
Every time this boy does anything, he *overdoes* it!
He's been letting his magic overheat for years!

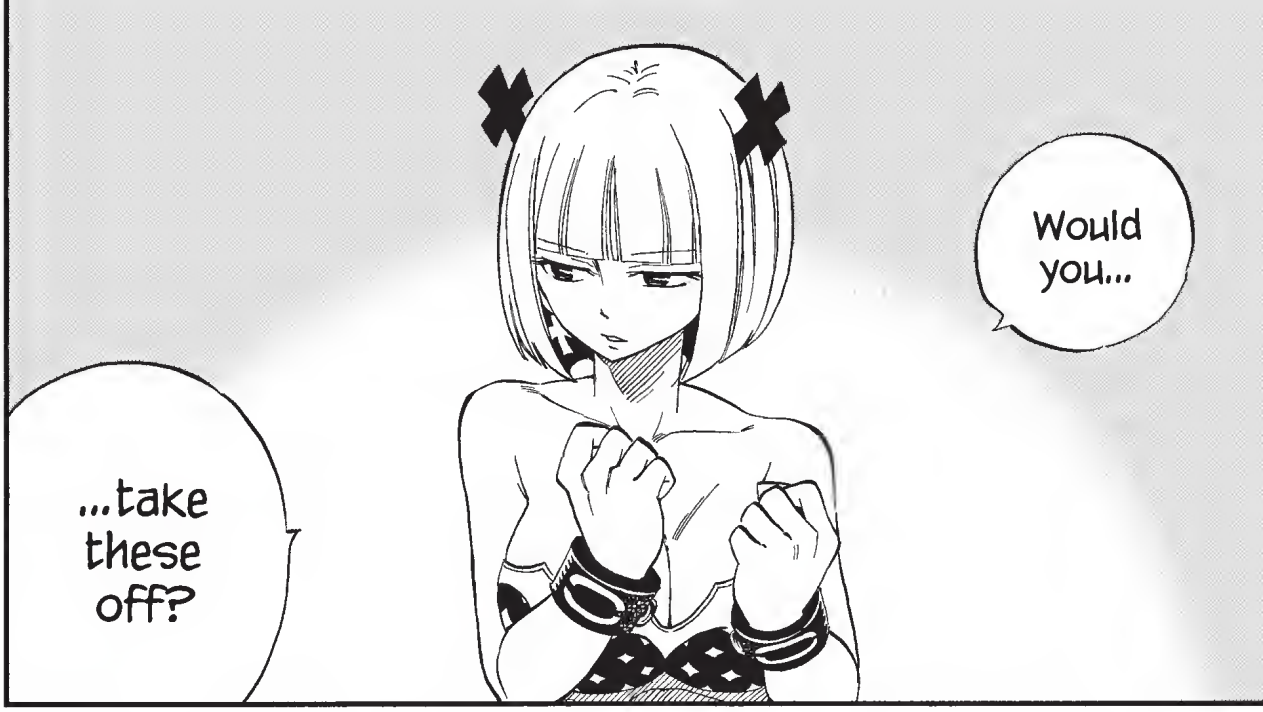

There's a malignant mass inside his body.
What does that mean?
If we don't get it out of him, he'll die.

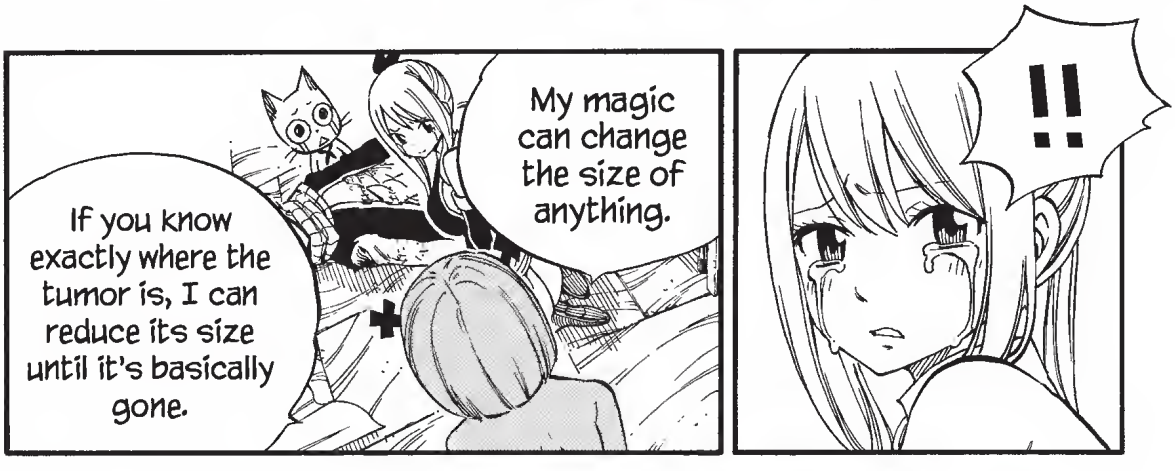


Surgery is the only option.
But... there are no surgeons in Ishgal with the requisite level of skill.

How are we supposed to get it out?

I'm sorry.
Then what do we do ?!
No. This is beyond them.
What about Wendy?! Or Sherria!
This can't be happening... Natsu...
Say some-thing... Anything ...
Natsu ...


Would you...
...take these off?


My magic can change the size of anything.
If you know exactly where the tumor is, I can reduce its size until it's basically gone.
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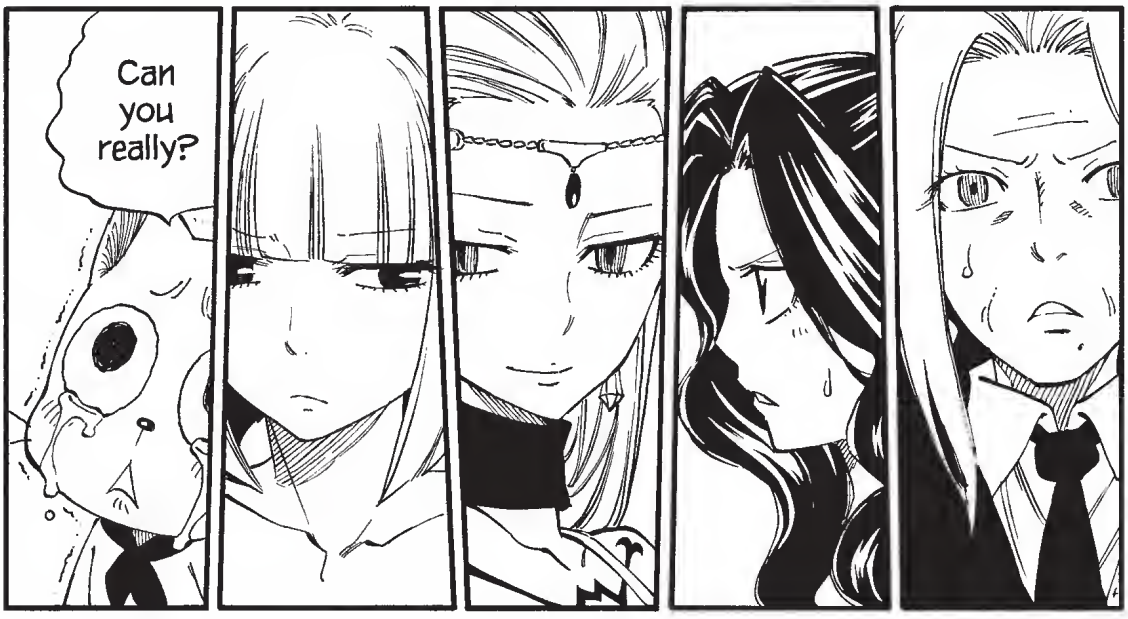
Can you really?

Please! Please save him!!
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP

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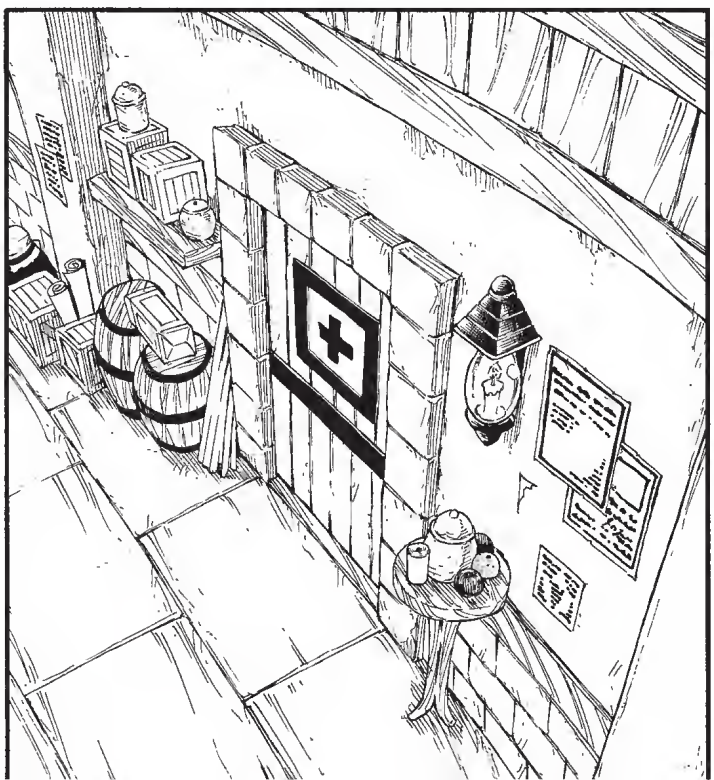
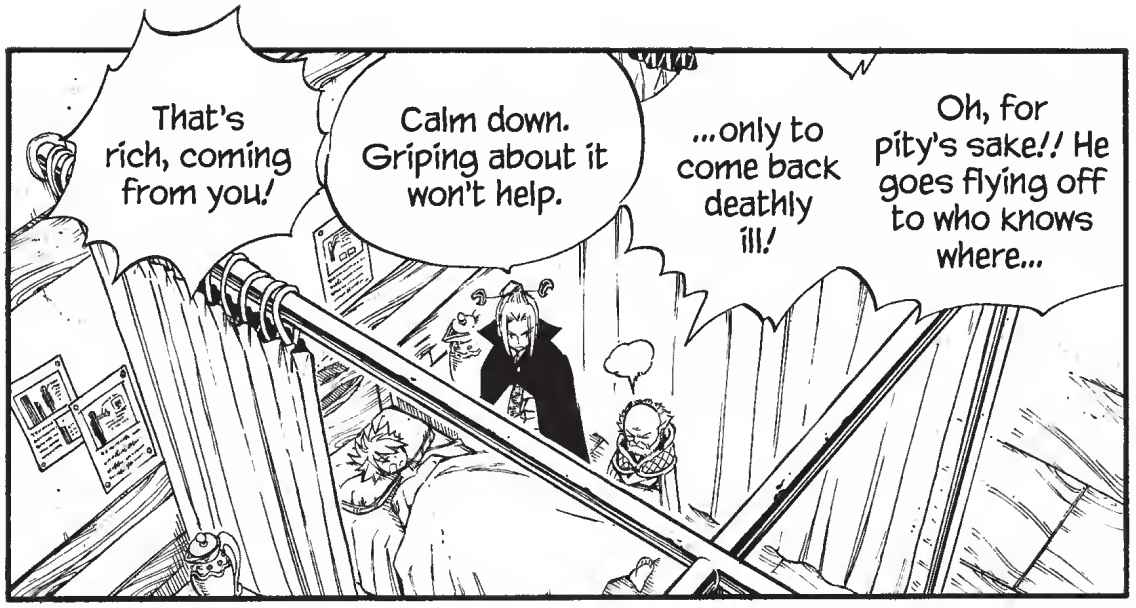
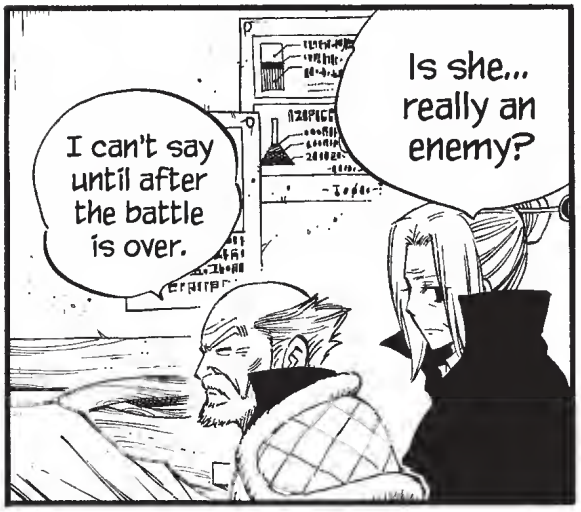
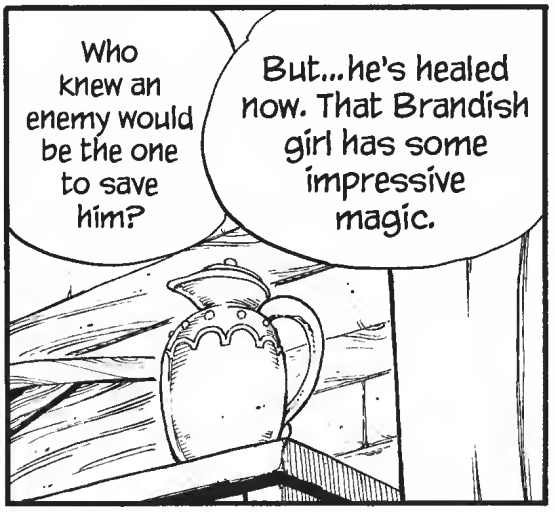
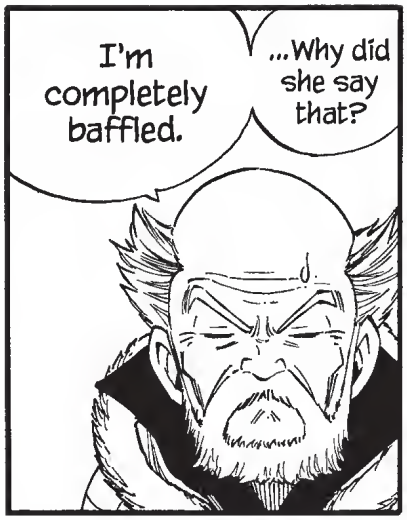
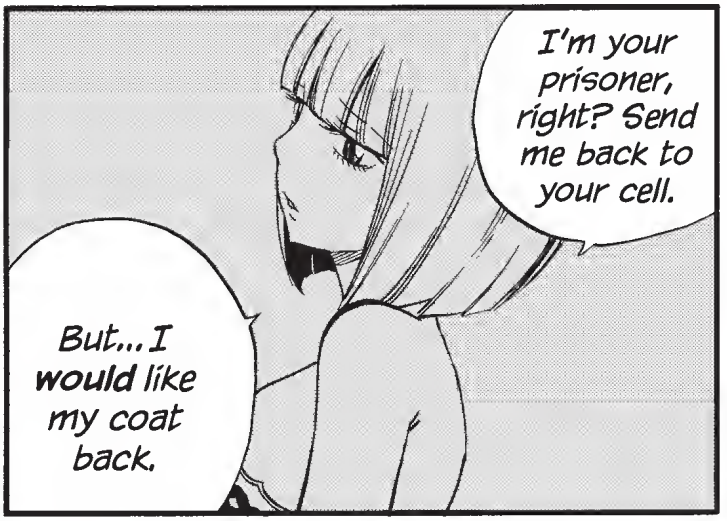


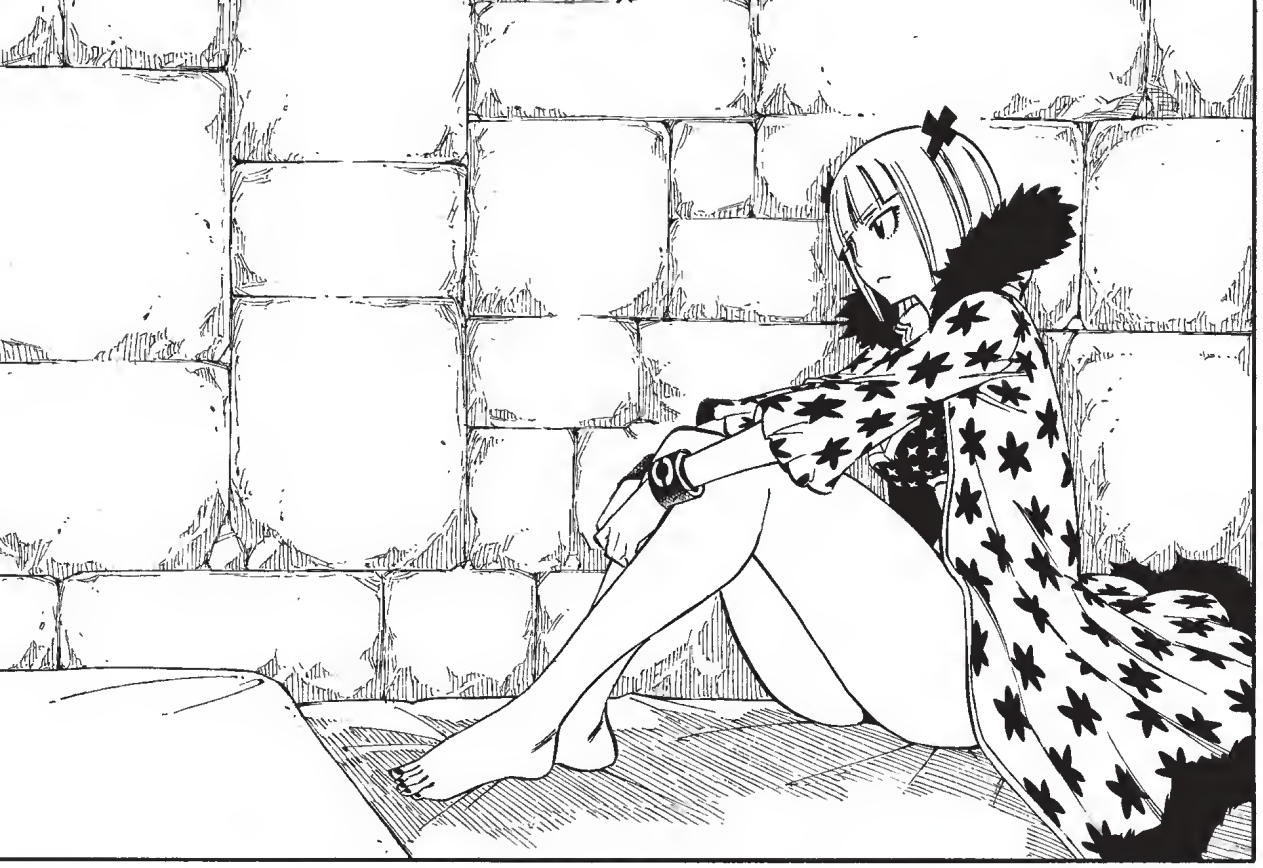

That's rich, coming from you!
Calm down. Griping about it won't help.
...only to come back deathly ill!
Oh, for pity's sake!! He goes flying off to who knows where...

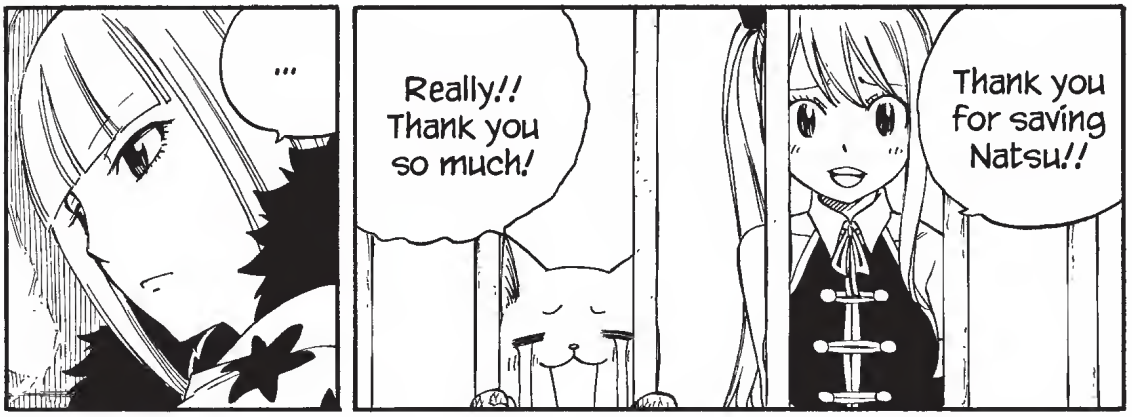

I can't say until after the battle is over.
Is she... really an enemy?


Who knew an enemy would be the one to save him?
But...he's healed now. That Brandish girl has some impressive magic.


I'm completely baffled.
...Why did she say that?


I'm your prisoner, right? Send me back to your cell.
But... I would like my coat back.

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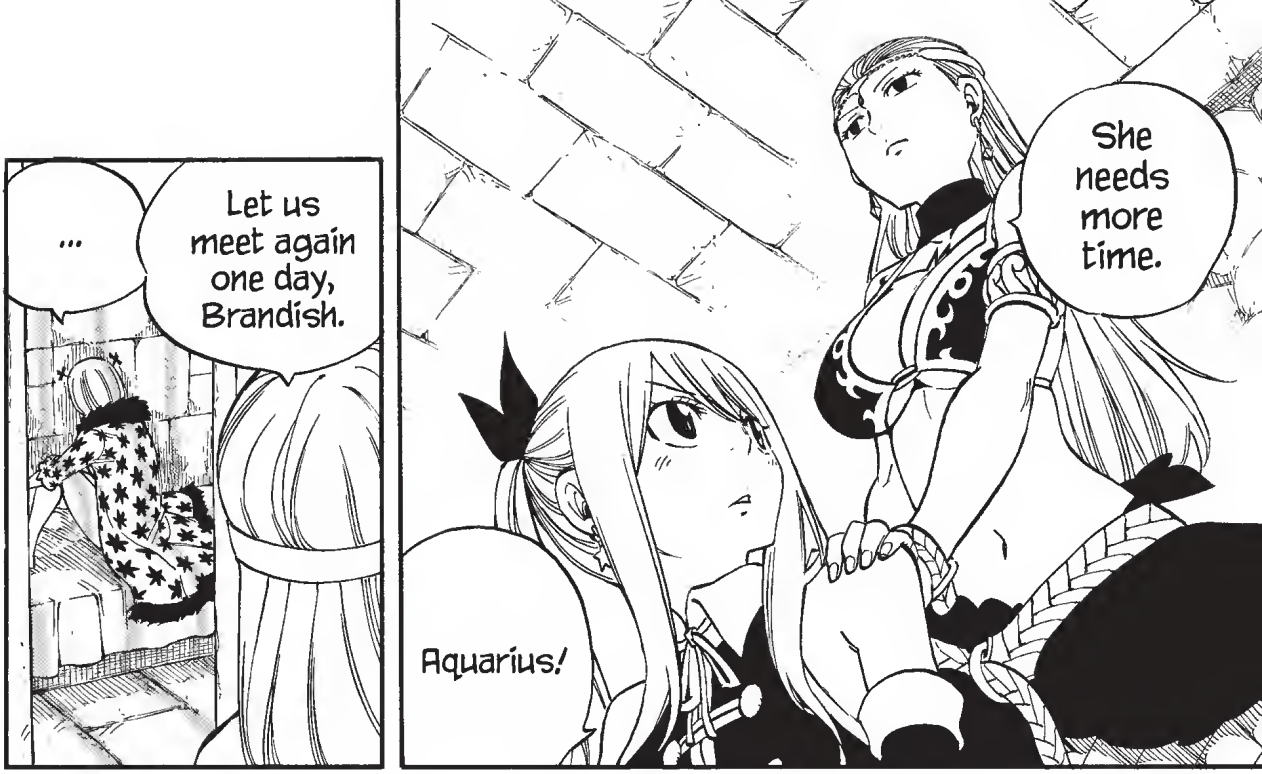
Really!! Thank you so much!
Thank you for saving Natsu!!

I wish you'd just leave me alone. I have no interest in being your friend.
We're at war, remember? If you keep acting this naïve, you'll get yourself killed.
You didn't have to go back to the cell, you know.


She needs more time.
Aquarius!
Let us meet again one day, Brandish.
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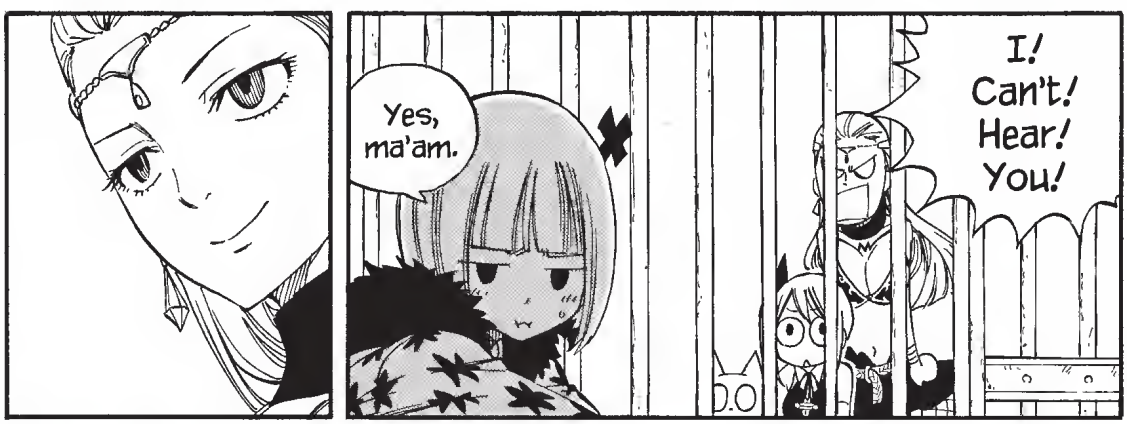
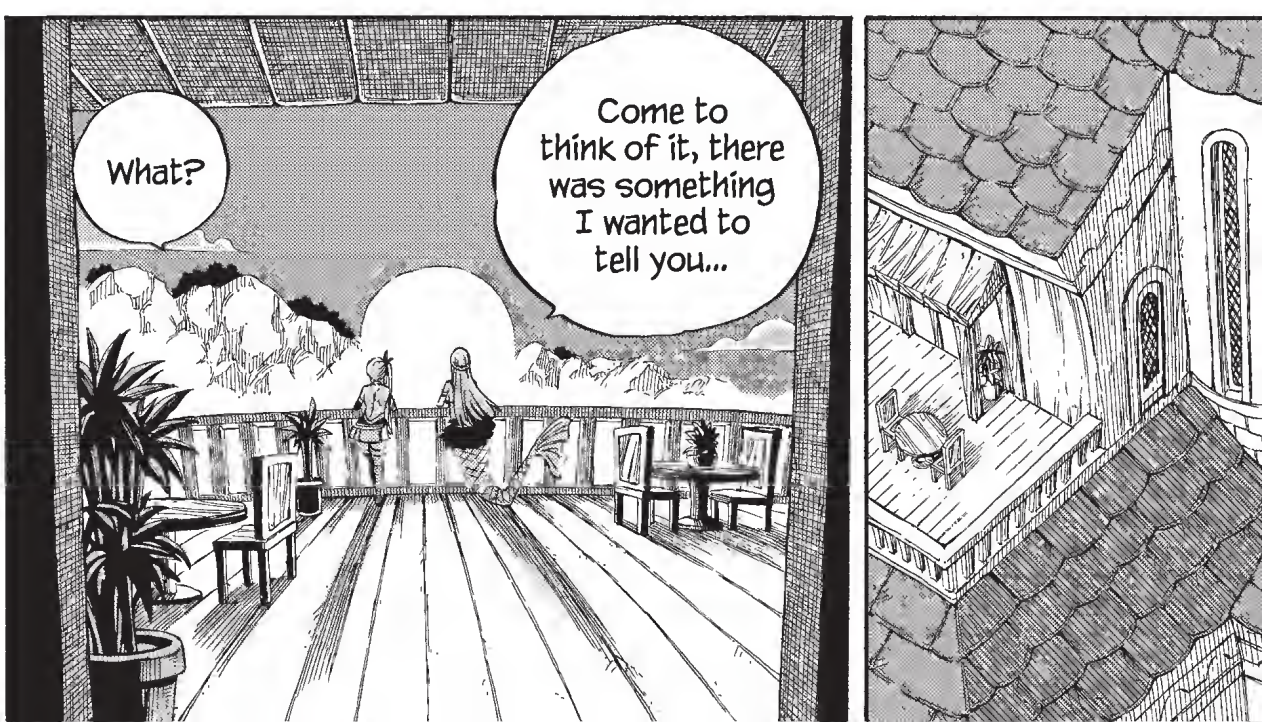

I! Can't! Hear! You!
Yes, ma'am.


Come to think of it, there was something I wanted to tell you...
What?

That key is somewhere in this world.
Sure.
I mentioned that my key had been reborn, did I not?
It may be in Ishgal...
It may be in Alakitasia...
Or it may be on some other continent.
I know.
I cannot even give you a hint to its whereabouts.

Still, I'm gonna find you !!!!
After all, you're one of my best friends !!!!

Thank you. I look forward to that day.

GLITTER
GLITTER
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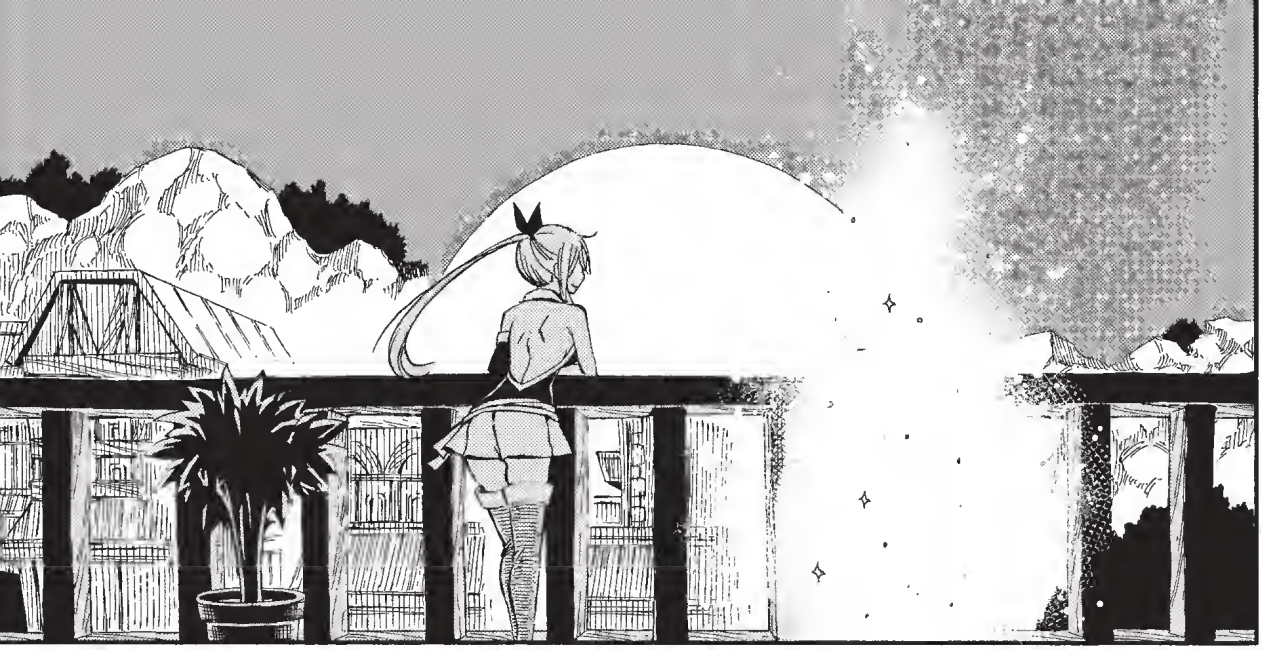
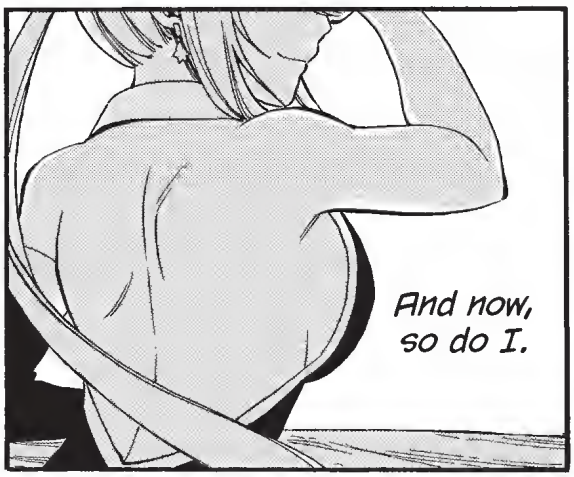
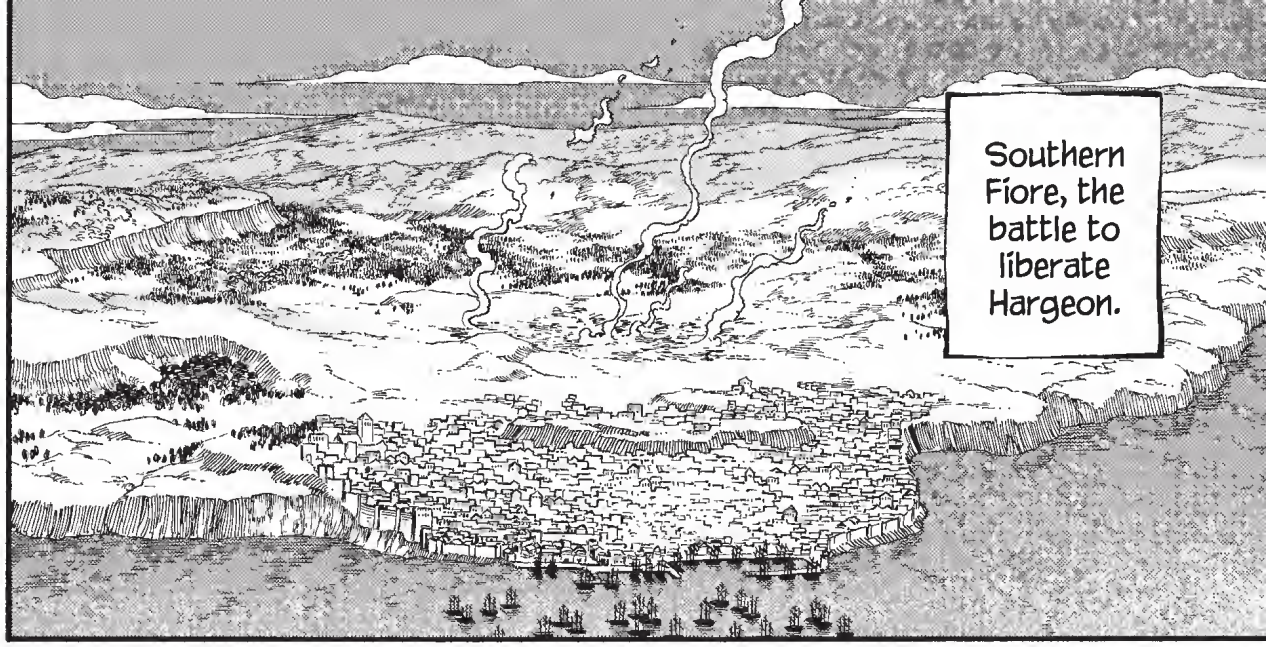
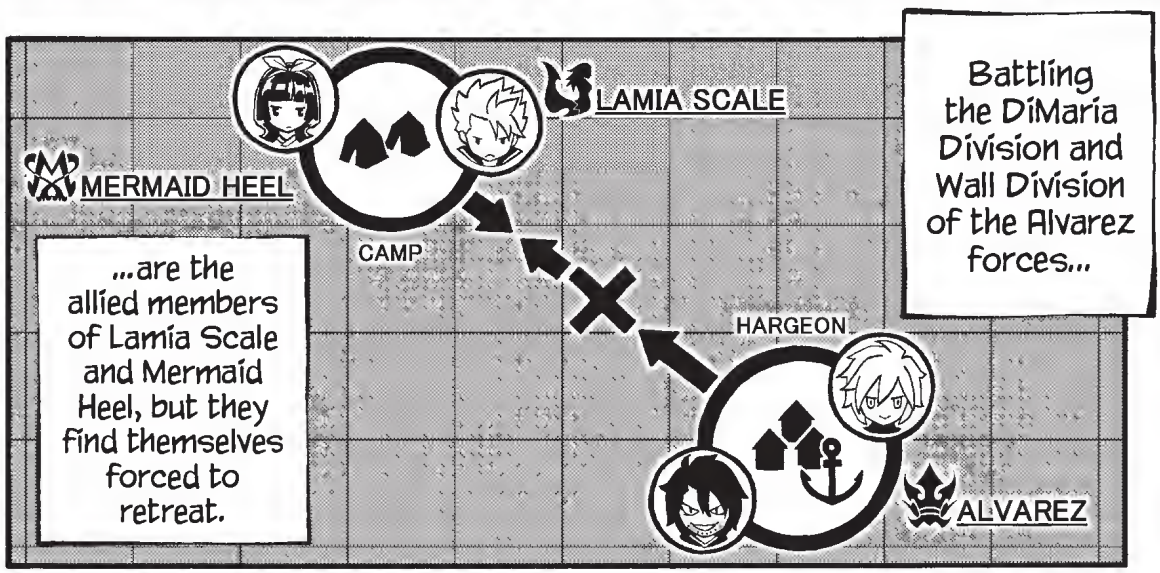



And now, so do I.

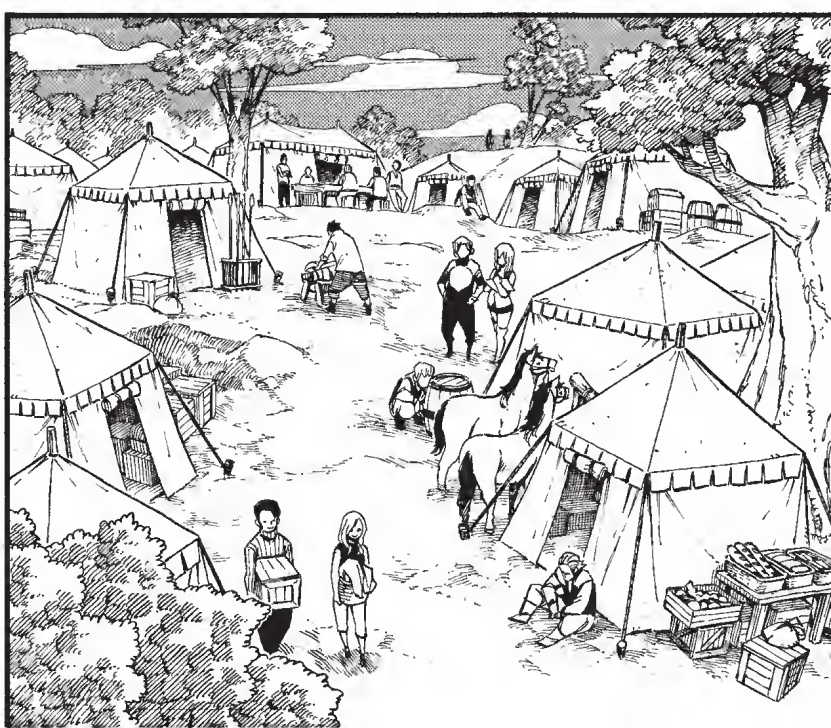
Aye!
And when the fightin's done, we got something we wanna do, huh?

WE CAN-NOT FAIL!!!!

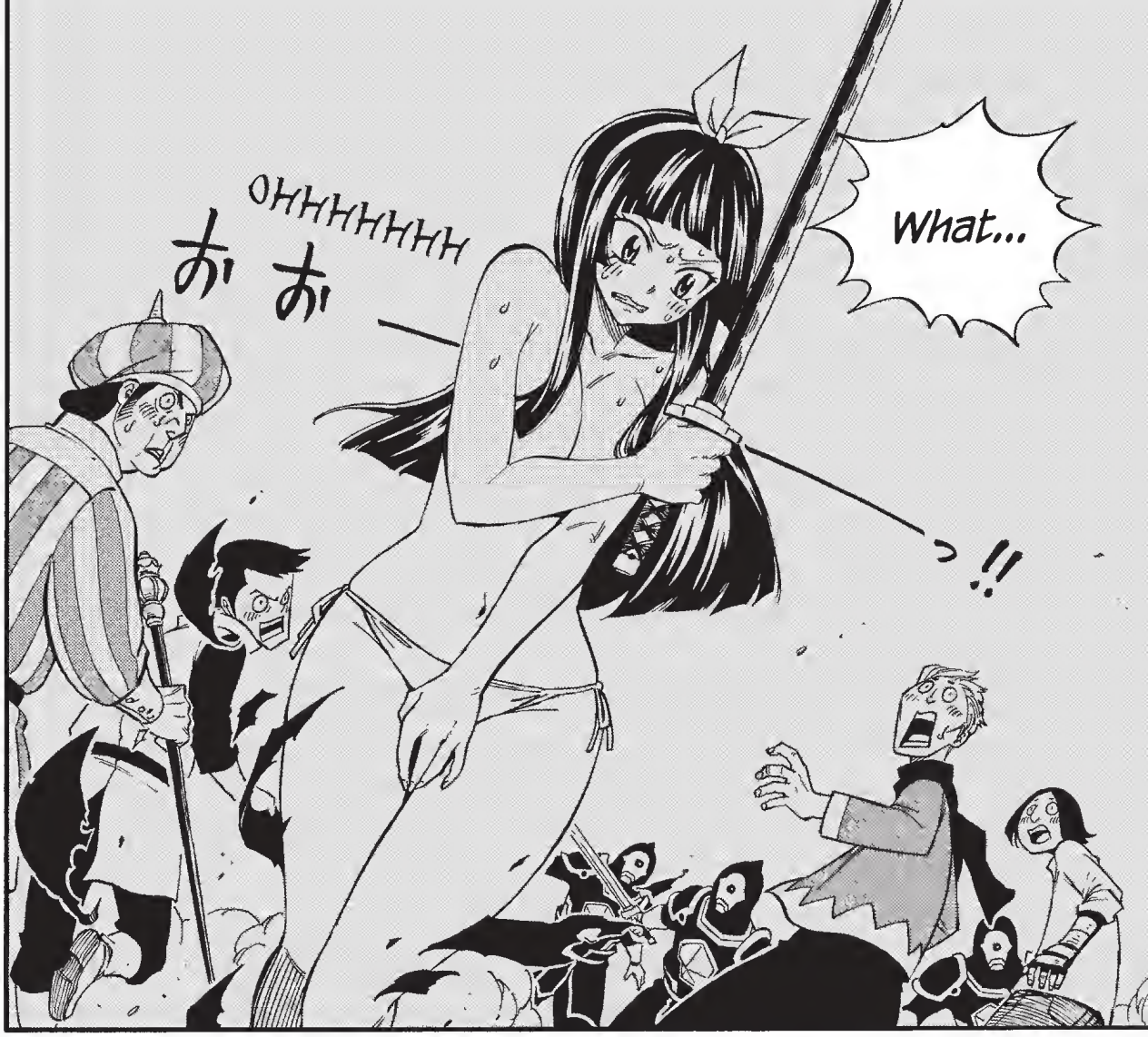

Southern Fiore, the battle to liberate Hargeon.


LAMIA SCALE
MERMAID HEEL
CAMP
HARGEON
ALVAREZ
Battling the DiMaria Division and Wall Division of the Alvarez forces...
...are the allied members of Lamia Scale and Mermaid Heel, but they find themselves forced to retreat.

We can't even get close to the town...
What a force! I've never seen the likes of this.
CHATTER CHATTER
ざわ
ざわ



Kagura-chan, are you all right?
...
HEH.
!!
はらり
FLUTTER
When did she...?!
FLUTTER
!!
WHISH


What...
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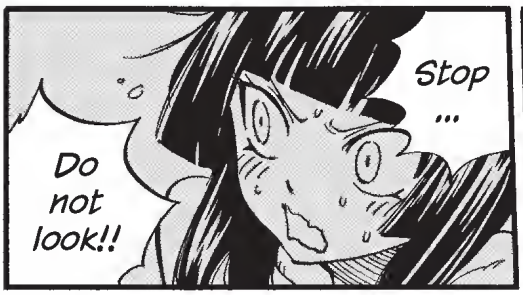
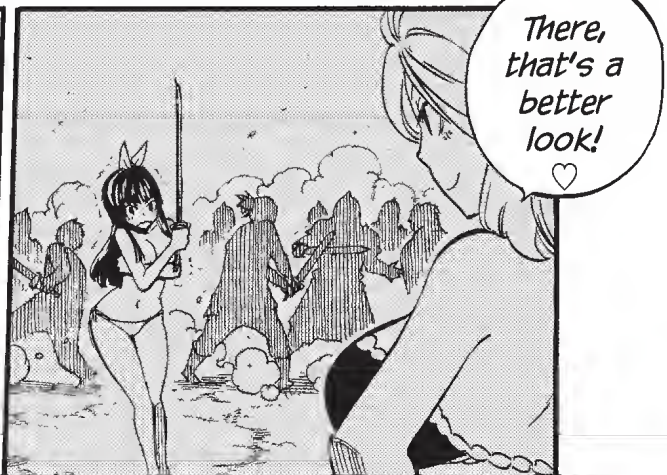
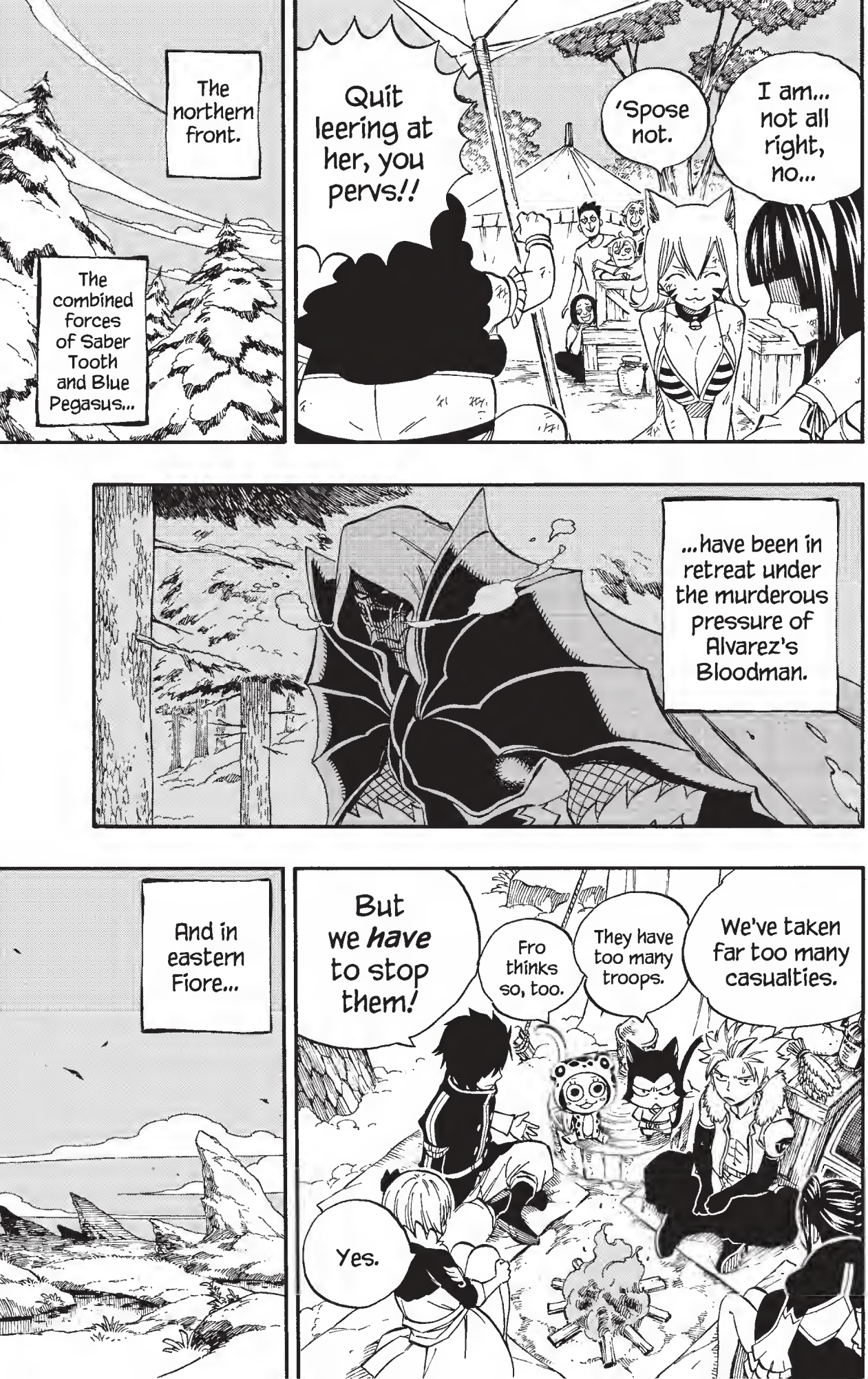
おおおおおおおおおお


Stop ...
Do not look!!

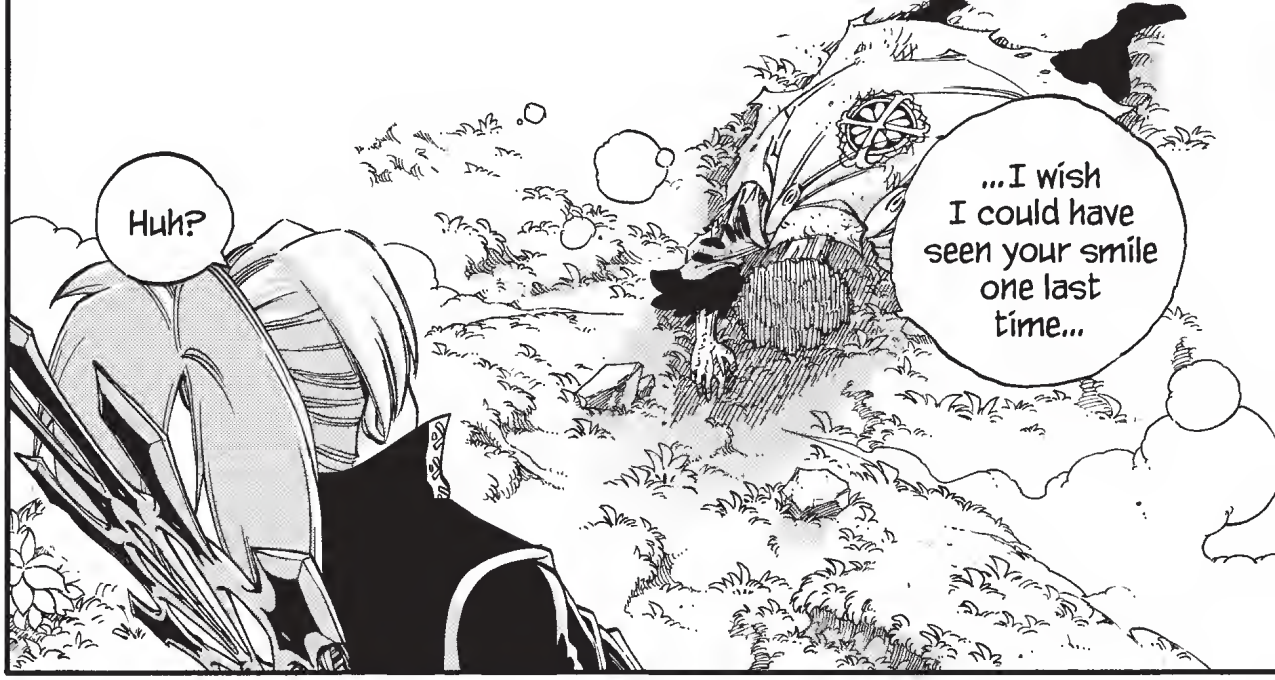
おおんおおーん
OHHHHN
SPURT
ブボー!!

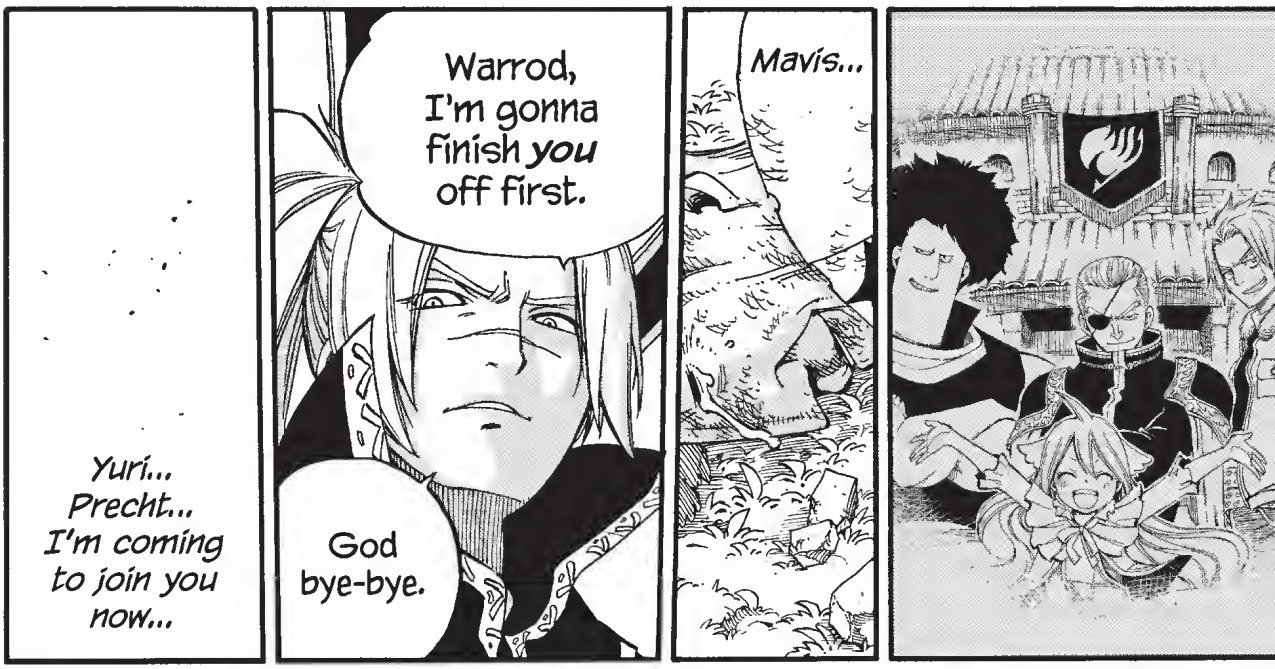
You cretin ...

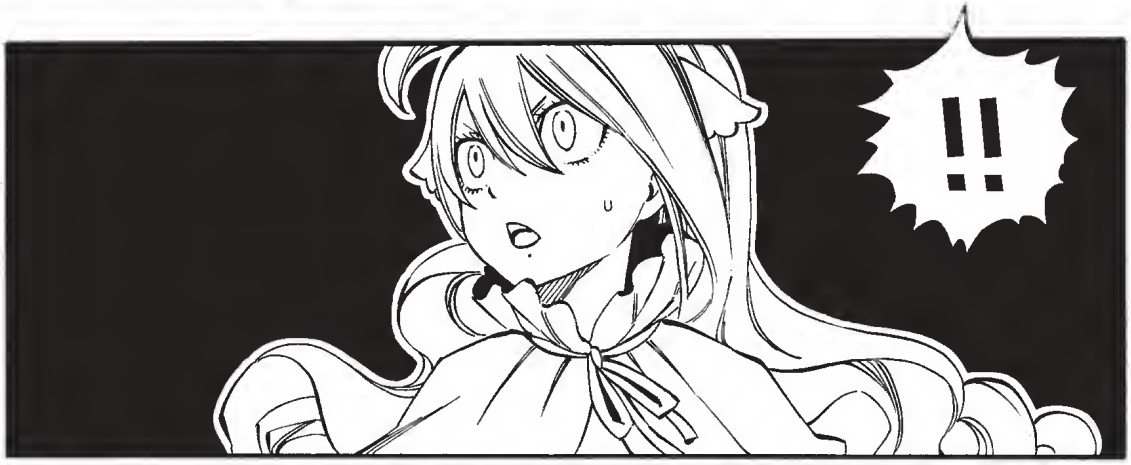

There, that's a better look! ♡


The northern front.
The combined forces of Saber Tooth and Blue Pegasus...
Quit leering at her, you pervs!!
'Spose not.
I am... not all right, no...
...have been in retreat under the murderous pressure of Alvarez's Bloodman.
And in eastern Fiore...
But we *have* to stop them!
Fro thinks so, too.
They have too many troops.
We've taken far too many casualties.
Yes.

...one battle is drawing to a close.
Oh, come on!
Is this the best you can do?! I didn't even need the others' help!
Guess being a Wizard Saint doesn't count for much, huh?
God Serena...
So he was *this* powerful...
Alas...!
HUFF
HUFF
Mavis...
HUFF


Huh?
...I wish I could have seen your smile one last time...


Yuri... Precht... I'm coming to join you now...
Warrod, I'm gonna finish *you* off first.
God bye-bye.
Mavis...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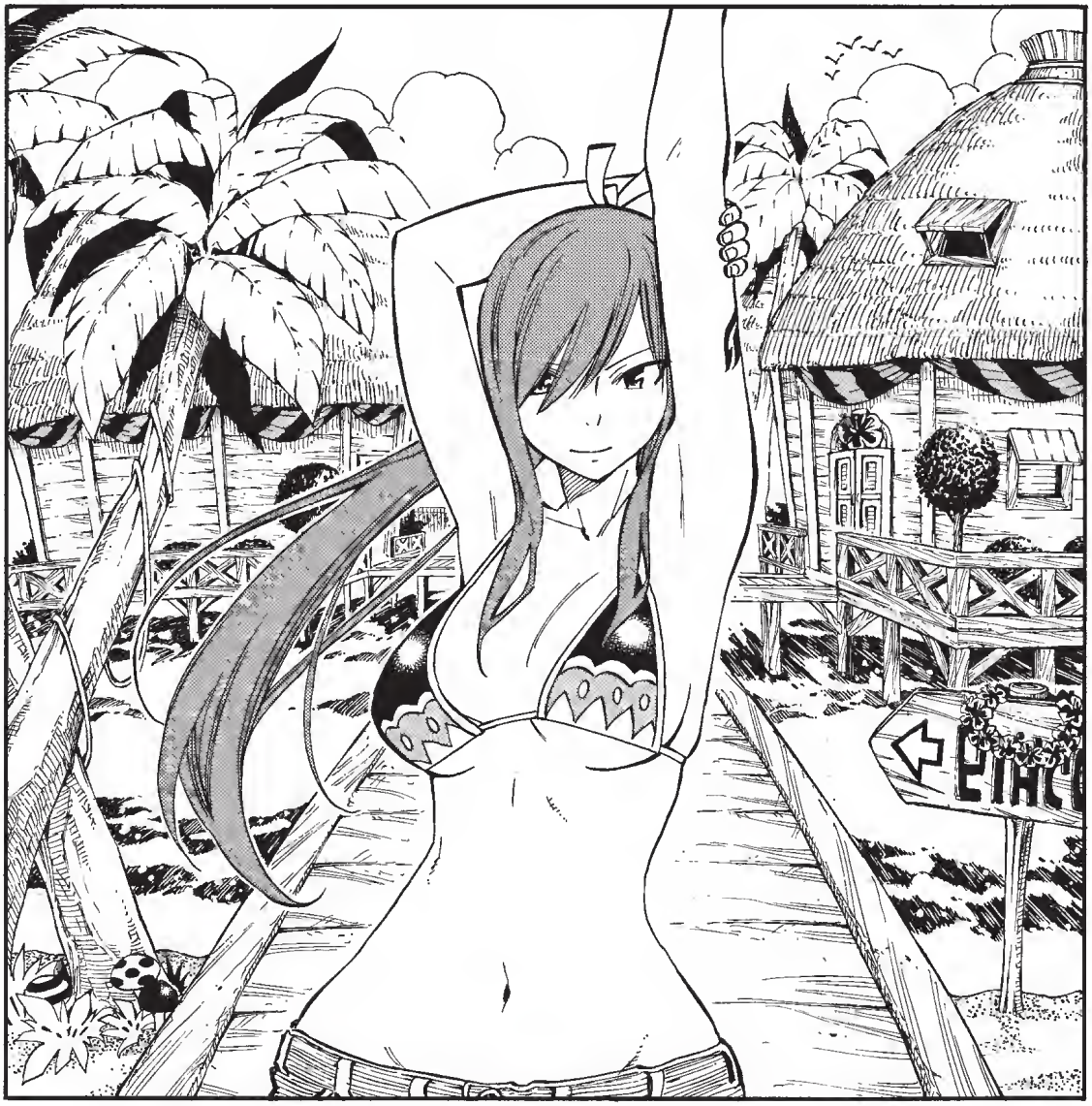
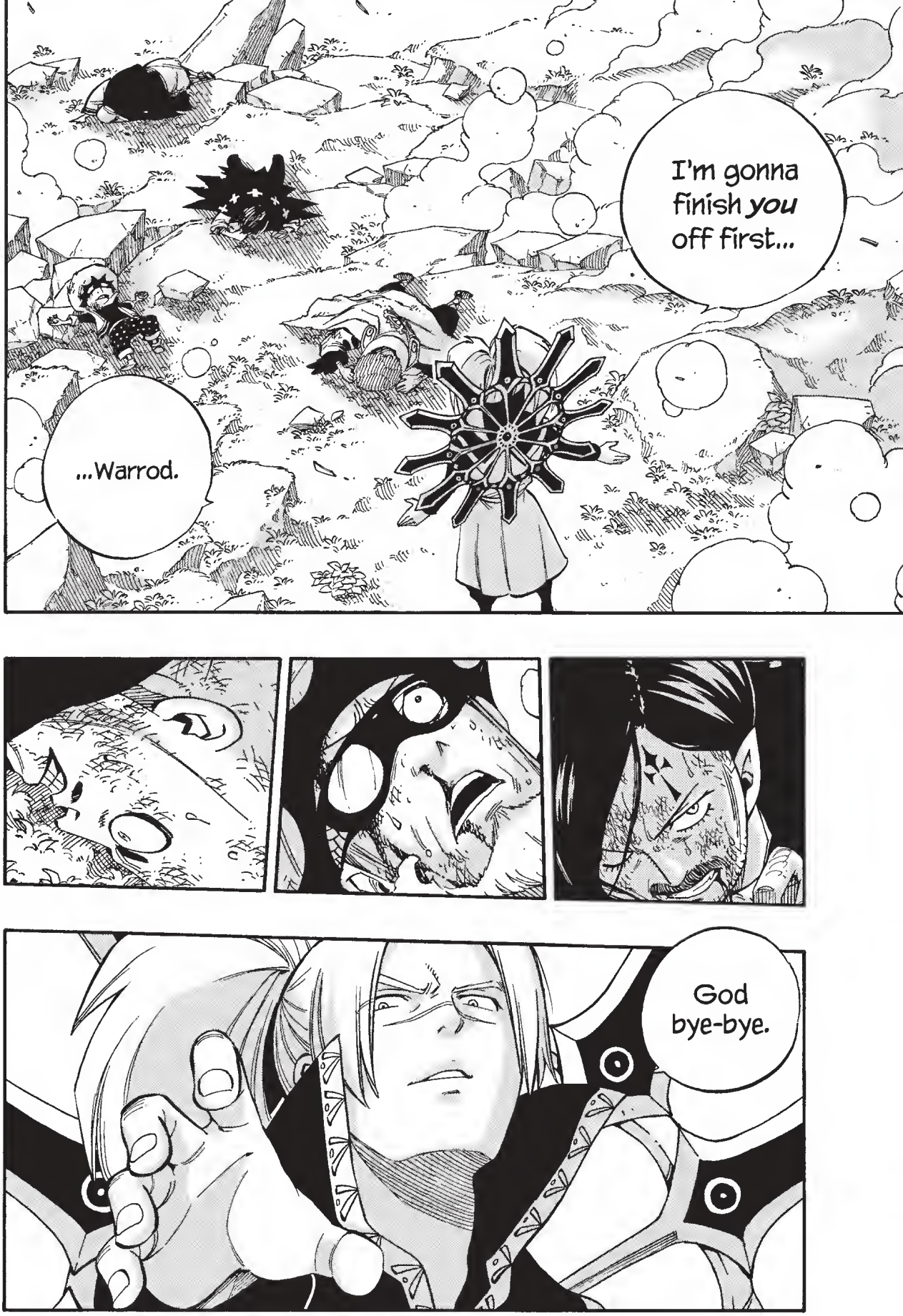
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

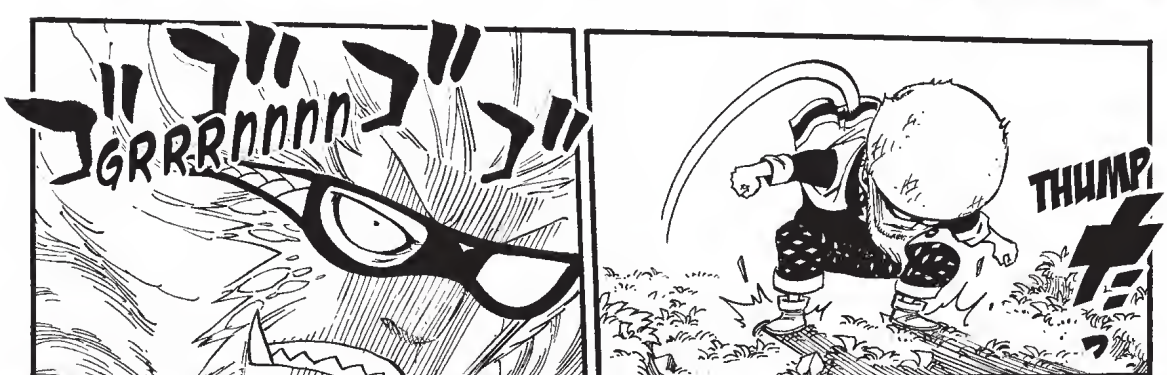
Chapter 470: Hybrid Theory

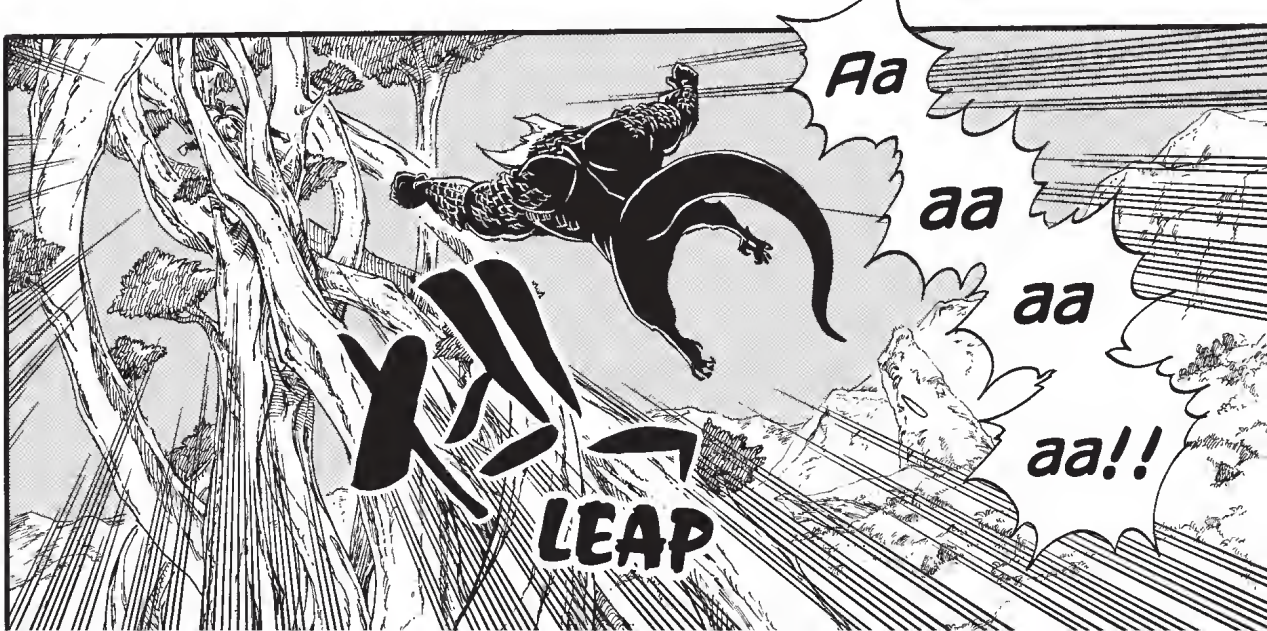



I'm gonna finish *you* off first...
...Warrod.
God bye-bye.

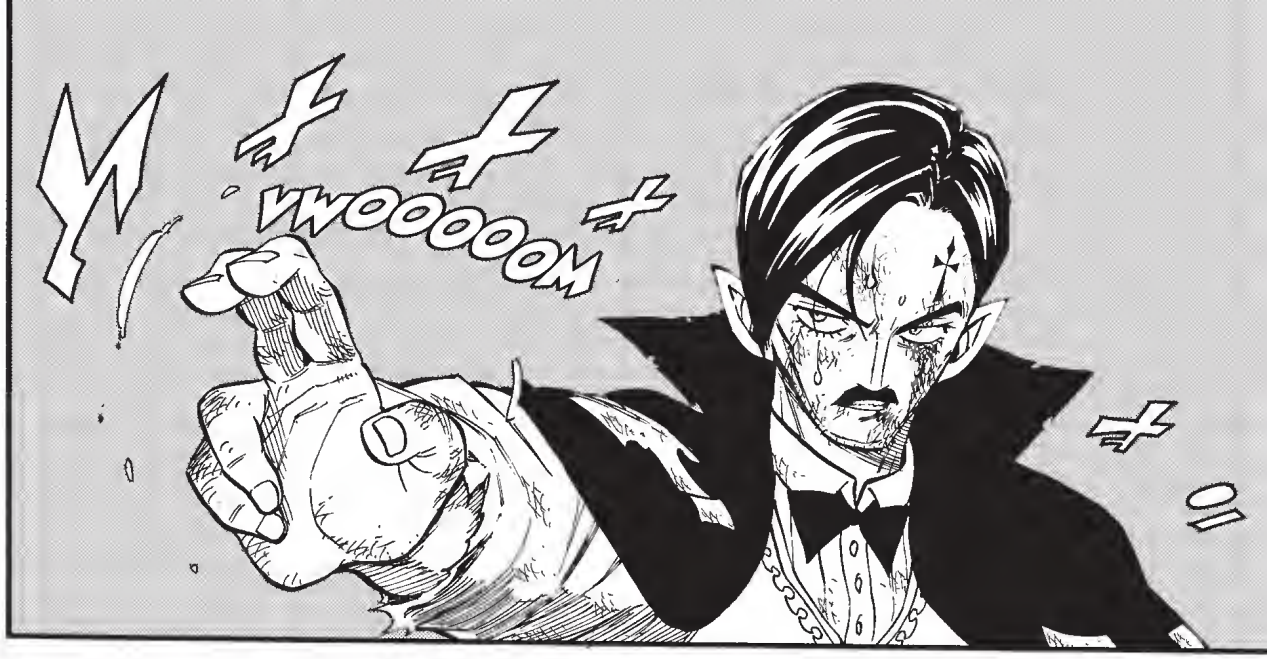
... I will not let my death be in vain!
ZNN ZNN ZNN
But... as one of the founders of Fairy Tail myself...
Farewell, Mavis...
CRAKL
CRAKL
CRAKL
RUMBLE
!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
You're coming with me, God Serena !!!!

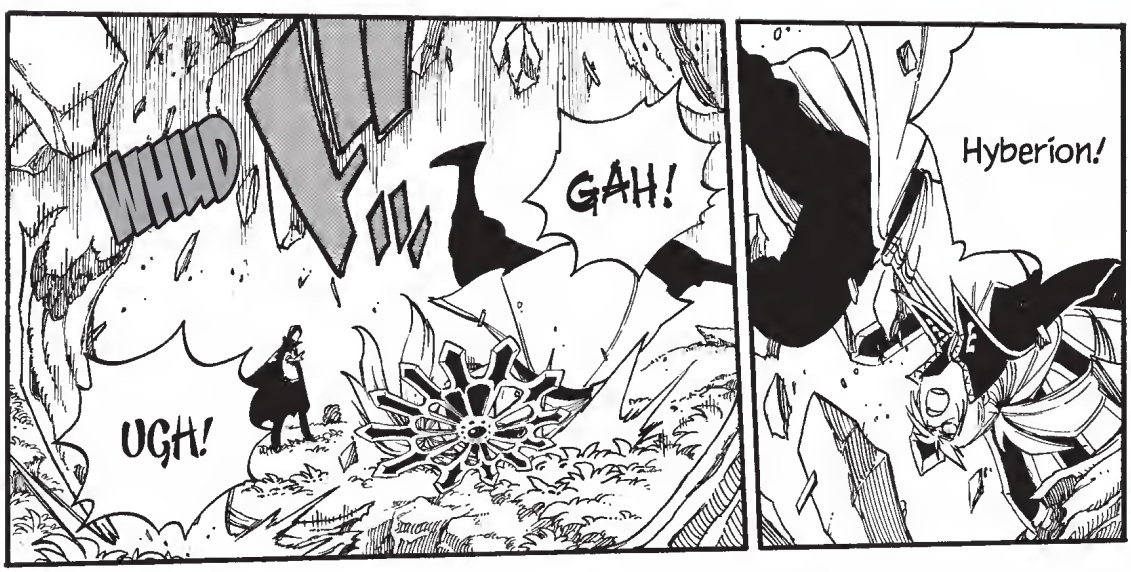
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
Whoa?!

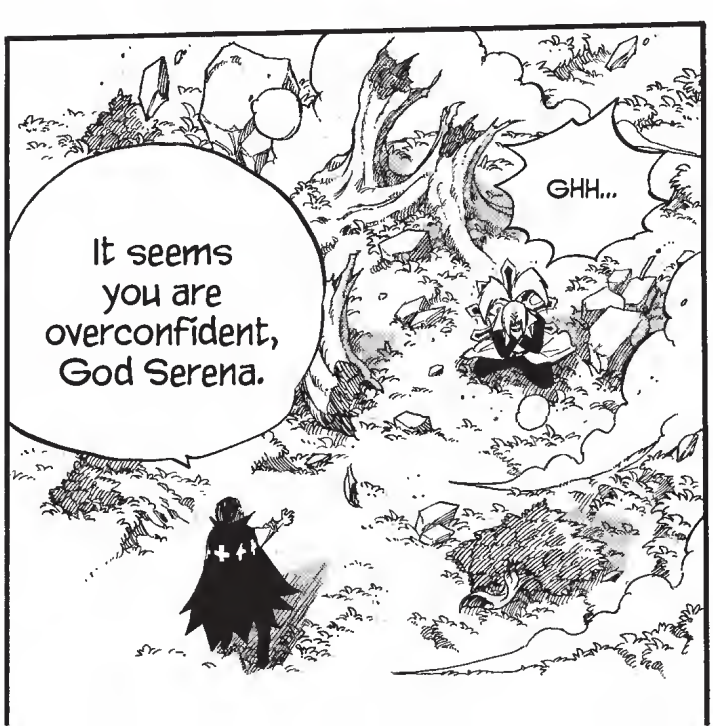

GRRRnnnn
THUMP


Aa
aa
aa
aa!!
LEAP

BA-THWOOM
Hyah!!!
WHOOSH
GWHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
VYUUM
VYUUM
BA-BUMP
Hey, you're not totally pathetic after all.


VWOOOOOM


WHUD
GAH!
UGH!
Hyberion!

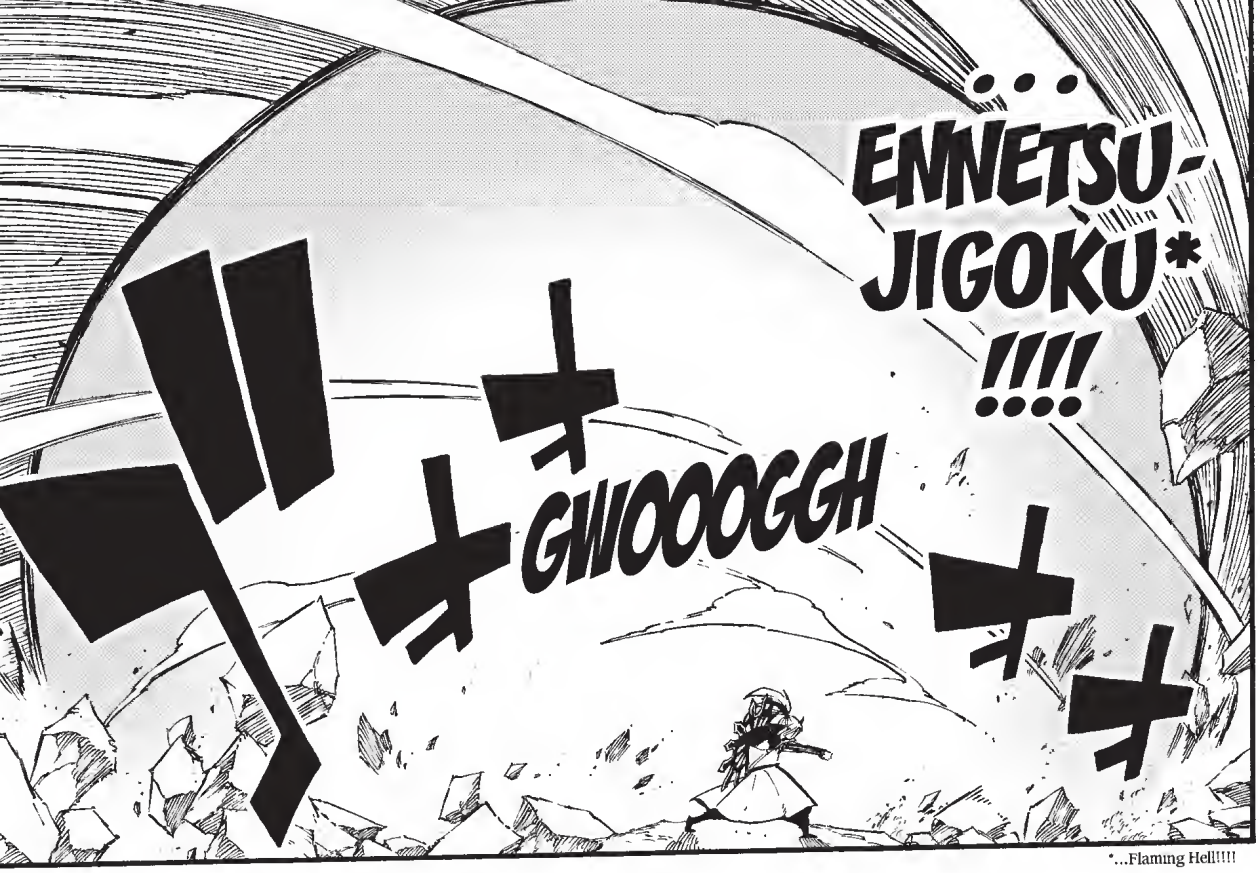

It seems you are overconfident, God Serena.
GHH...

Vampiric magic? And without any direct contact. I'm impressed.

!
GRIMP
Urrgh!
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
There is no cause for concern.
Let us simply watch. We hardly ever get a chance to witness his power.
GLINT
BWOOSH

Wha—?!
Gaah!
Uwaah!
What is this...?
BOOOM
GANKUTSU-RYÛ NÔ DAICHI-HOUKAI*!!!!
*Cavern Dragon's Cave-Land!!!!

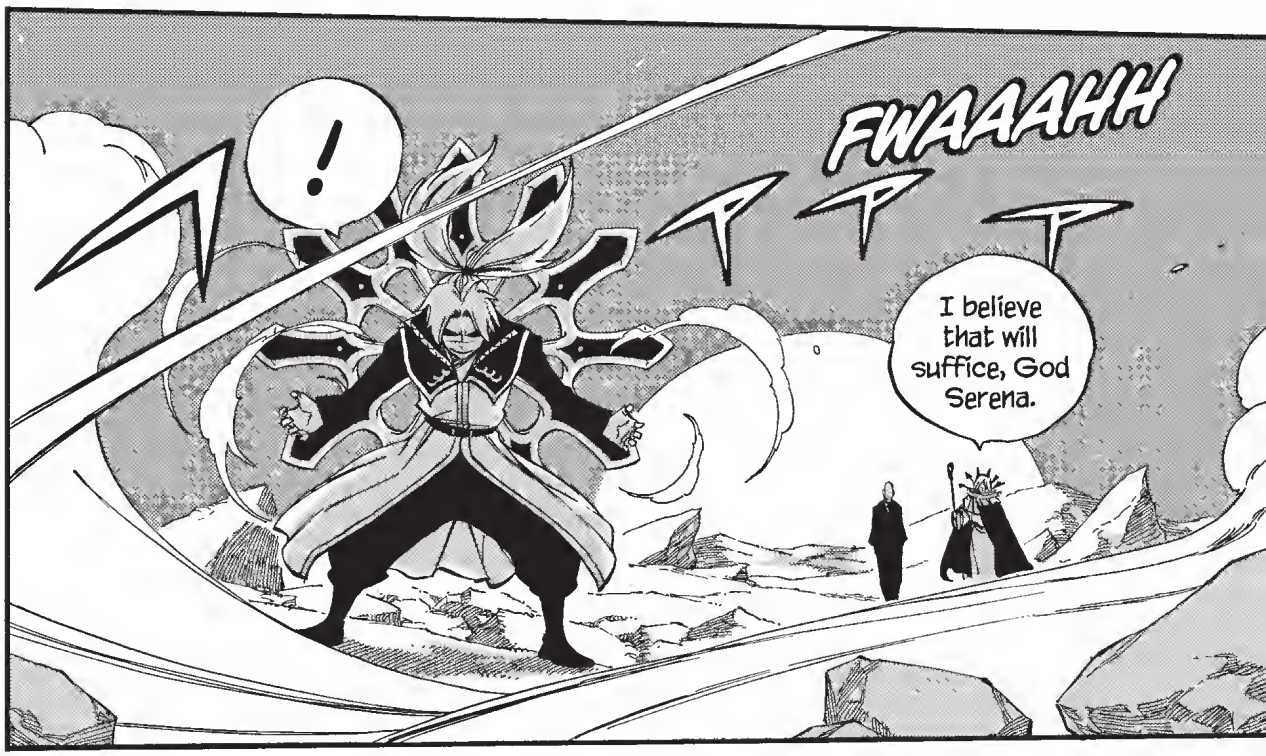
Is this...
...earth dragon slayer magic ?!
No.
*Purgatory Dragon's...
GWOOO
RENGOKU-RYÛ NO*...

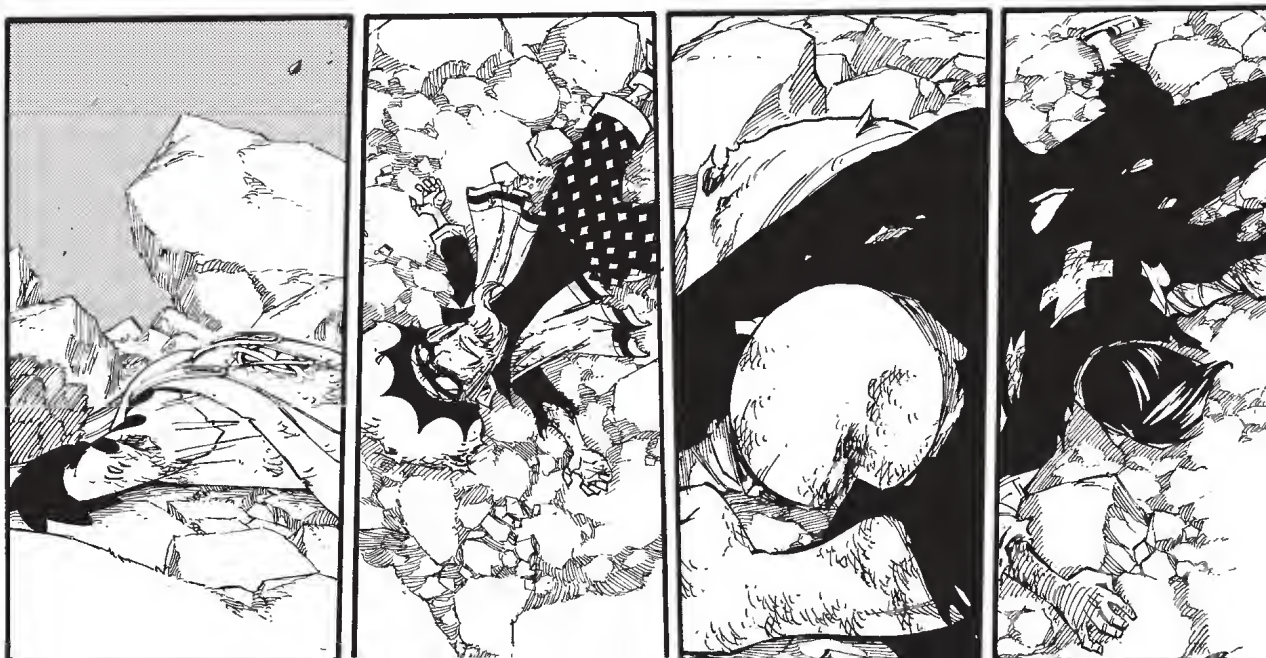


*...Flamming Hell!!!!

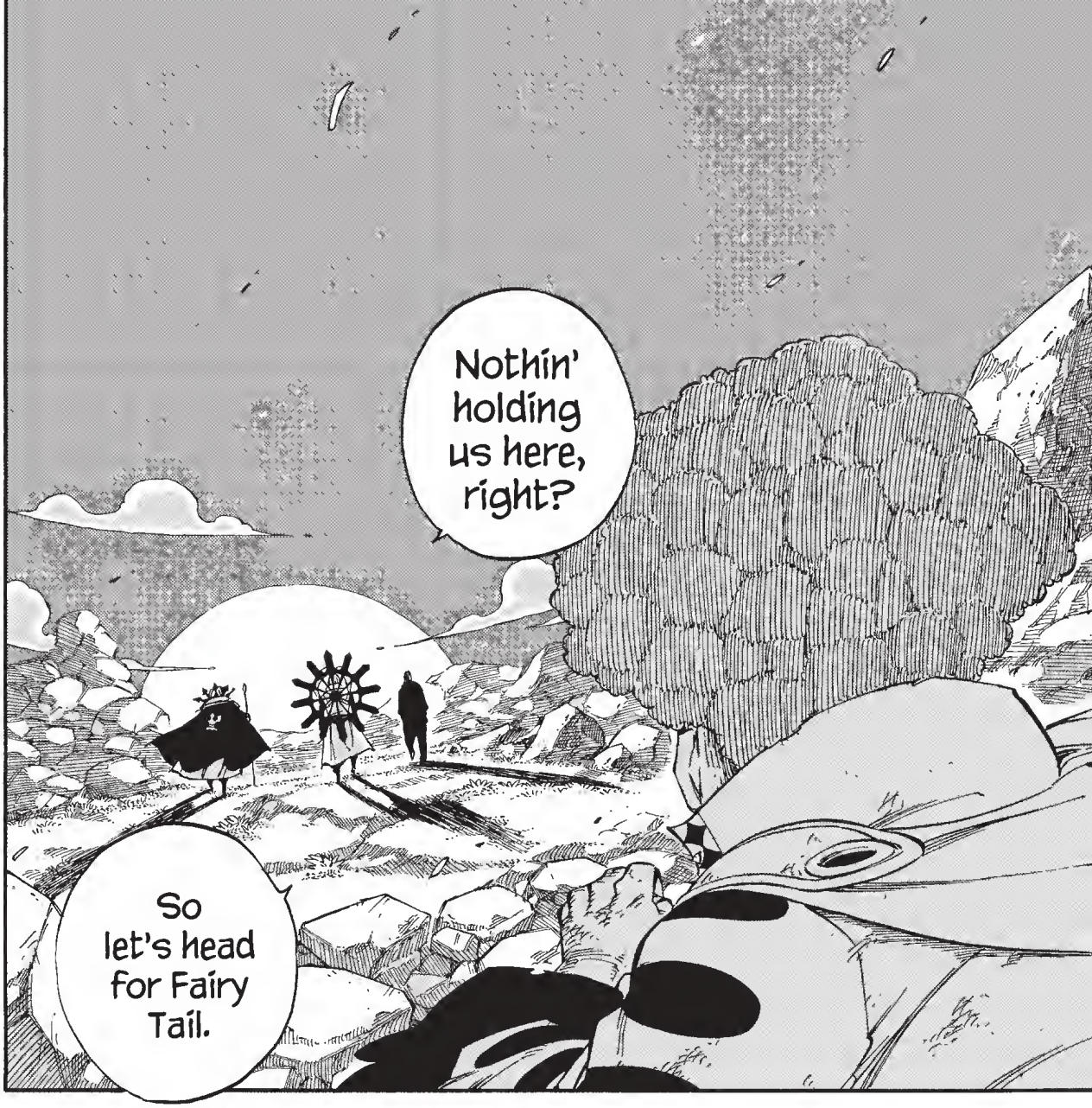
**Sea King Dragon's Encircling Deluge!!!!

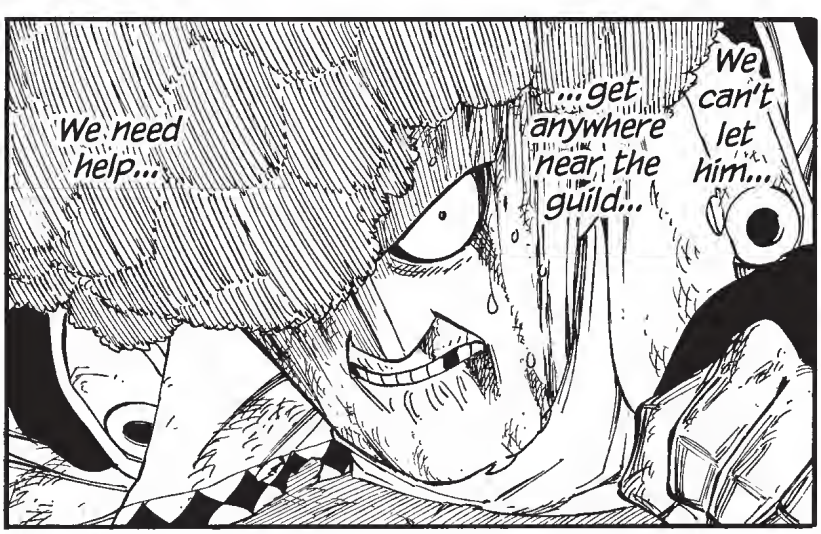
*Gale Dragon's...

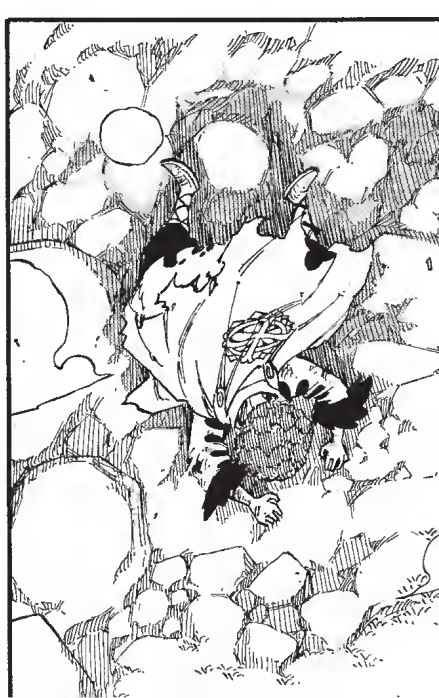




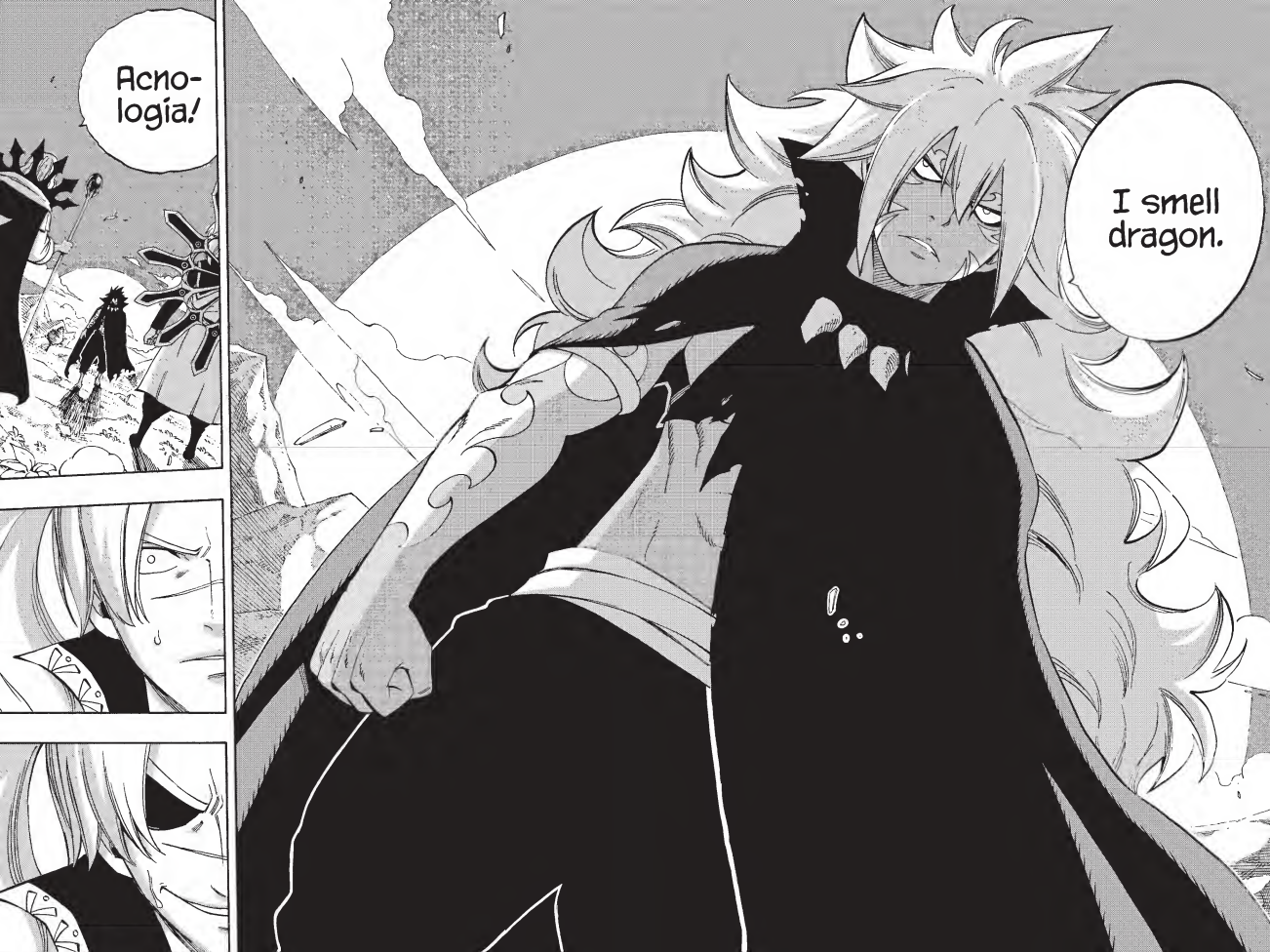
A dragon slayer with eight dragon lacrimas in his body...
...makes a pretty tough enemy.
Ya think maybe I overdid it?
Hybrid Theory.
He has been blessed by the dragon gods.
WHOOSH
Ain't no such thing as a dragon god. Or dragon kings.
'Cause anything like a dragon is toast when I get through with 'em!


Nothin' holding us here, right?
So let's head for Fairy Tail.


We need help...
...get anywhere near the guild...
We can't let him...



!
Wh-What is this... This magic ...?
!!
!!
!!
Who...


Acno-
logia!
I smell
dragon.

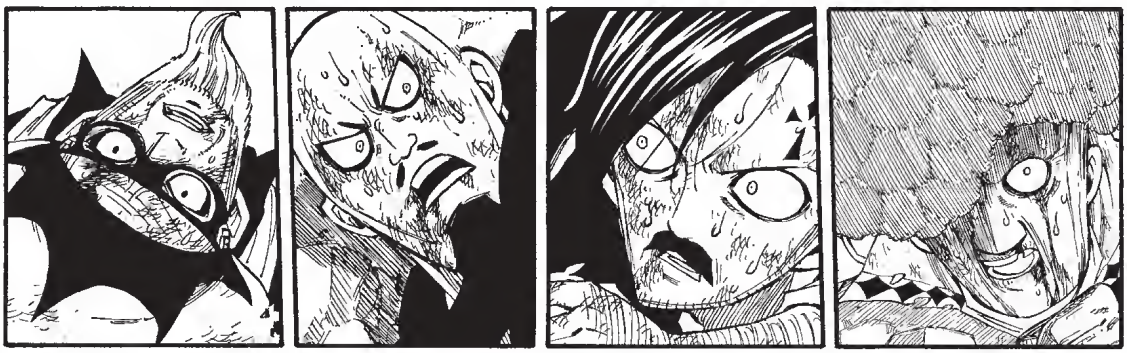
I can't wait to take you down. That's why I—
I never thought *you'd* come to *me!*

Huh?
WHUD

Only seven more now.
I will wipe all trace of the dragons from this world!

Chapter 471: Until the Battle Is Done

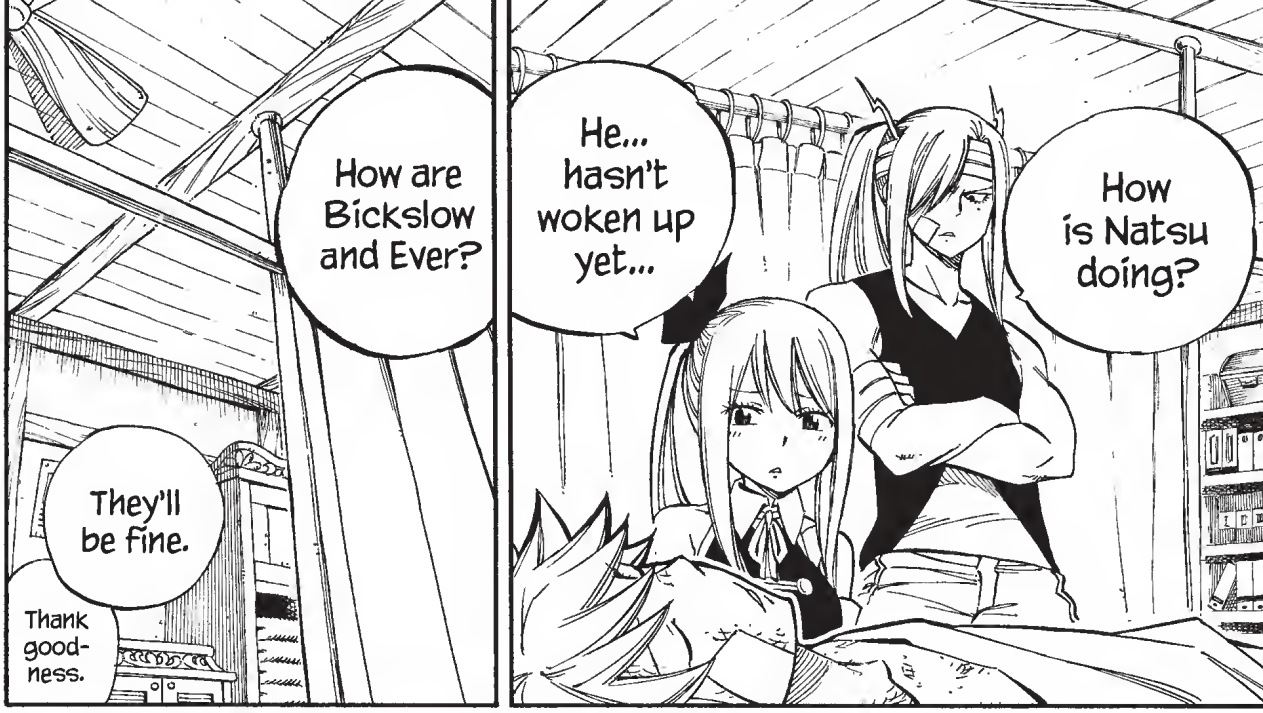
FAIRY TAIL
フェアリーテイル

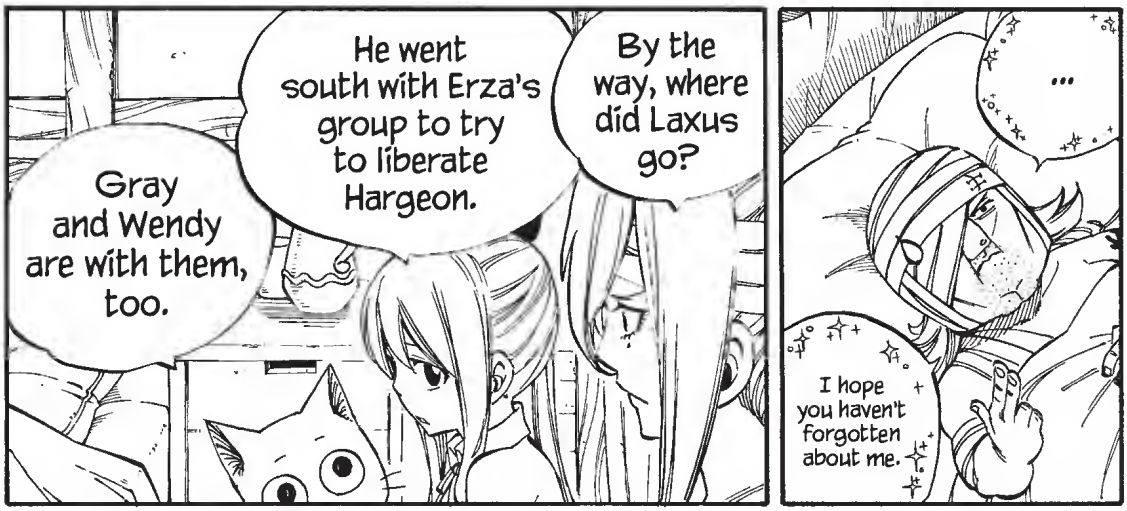


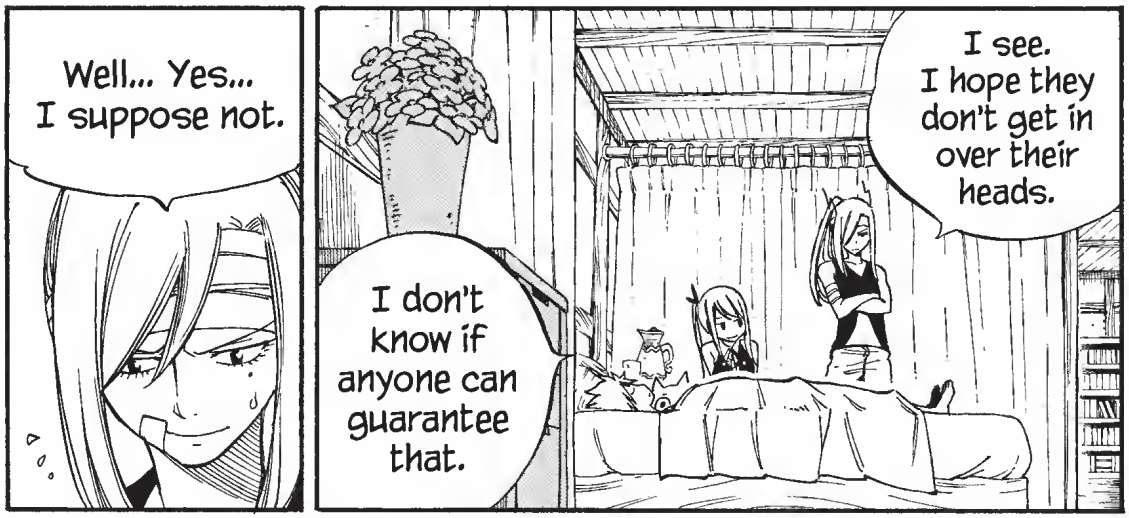
ACCEL!

!
Stop. You're no match for him.
Perhaps the Emperor *will* be, once he receives Fairy Heart...

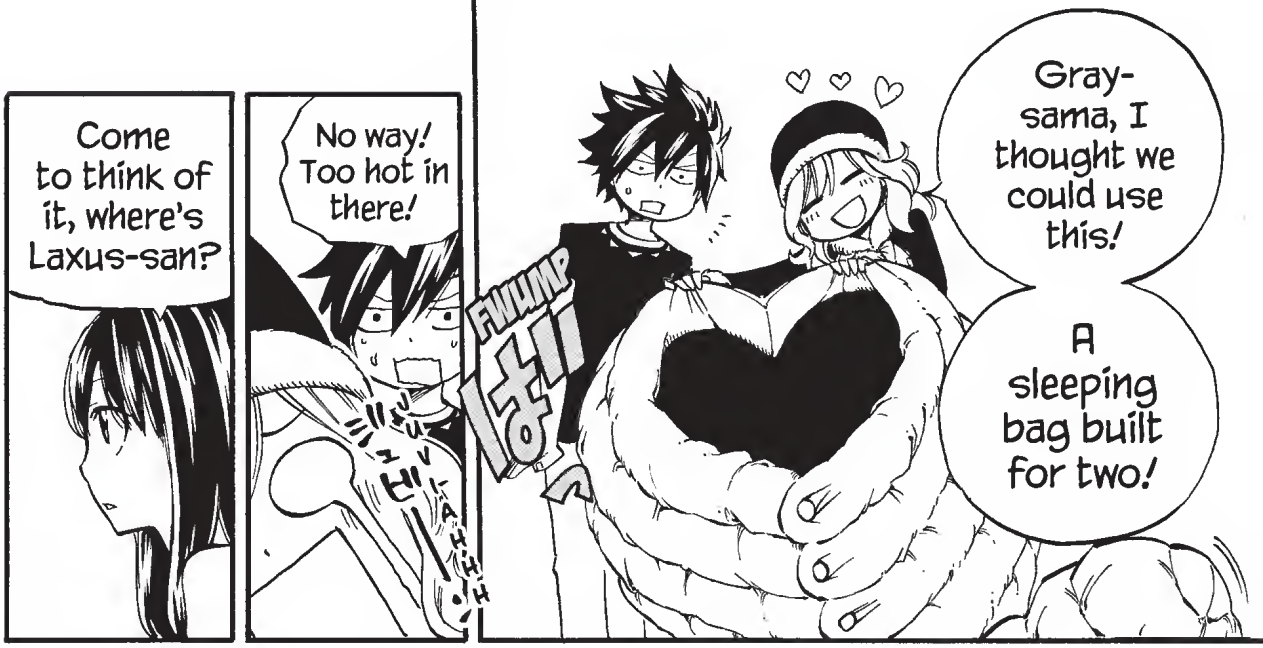
We must make haste to Fairy Tail...
...so we may offer the heart up to the Emperor.

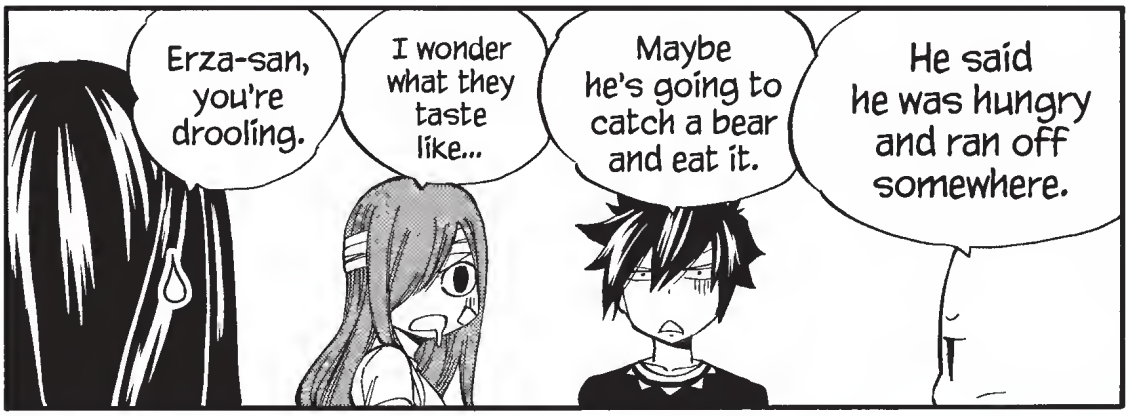

How are Bickslow and Ever?
They'll be fine.
Thank goodness.
He... hasn't woken up yet...
How is Natsu doing?

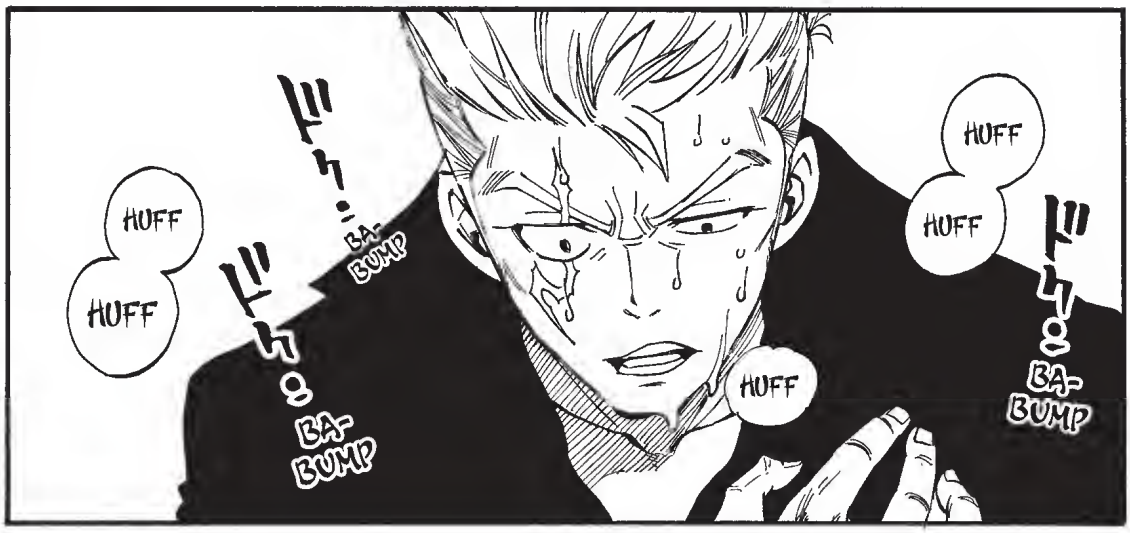

Gray and Wendy are with them, too.
He went south with Erza's group to try to liberate Hargeon.
By the way, where did Laxus go?
...
I hope you haven't forgotten about me.


Well... Yes... I suppose not.
I don't know if anyone can guarantee that.
I see. I hope they don't get in over their heads.

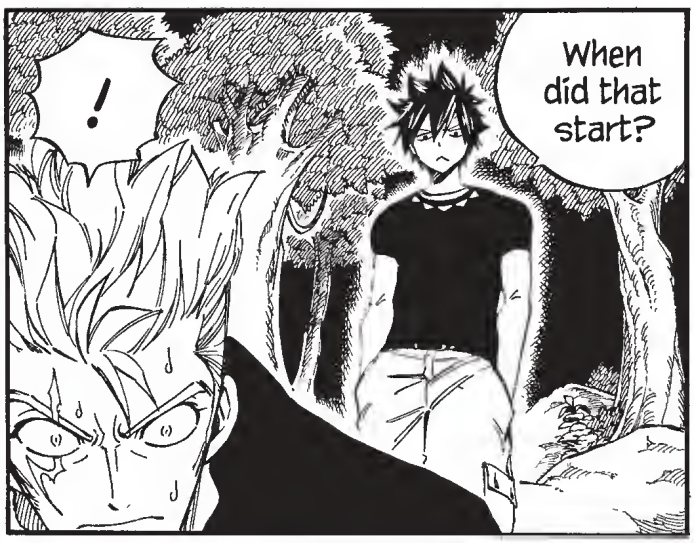
...
?
We'll arrive in Hargeon tomorrow.
MUNCH MUNCH
We should rest up as much as possible today.
I will.
You shouldn't push yourself too hard either.
After all, Wendy's doing her best to heal you!


Come to think of it, where's Laxus-san?
No way! Too hot in there!
FWUMP
Gray-sama, I thought we could use this!
A sleeping bag built for two!

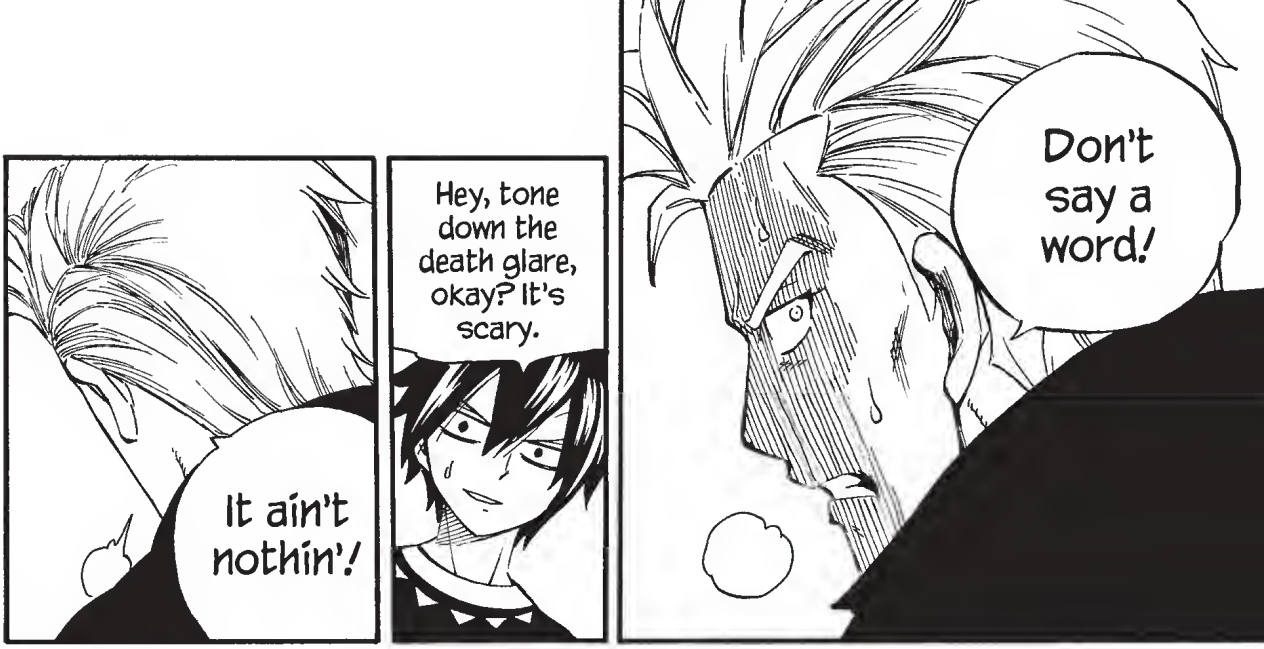

Erza-san, you're drooling.
I wonder what they taste like...
Maybe he's going to catch a bear and eat it.
He said he was hungry and ran off somewhere.

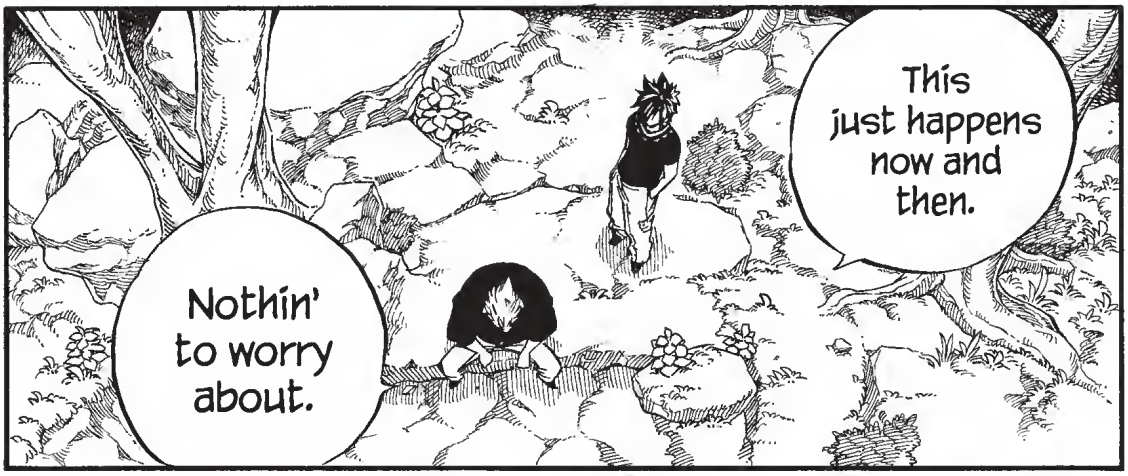

HUFF
HUFF
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
BA-BUMP

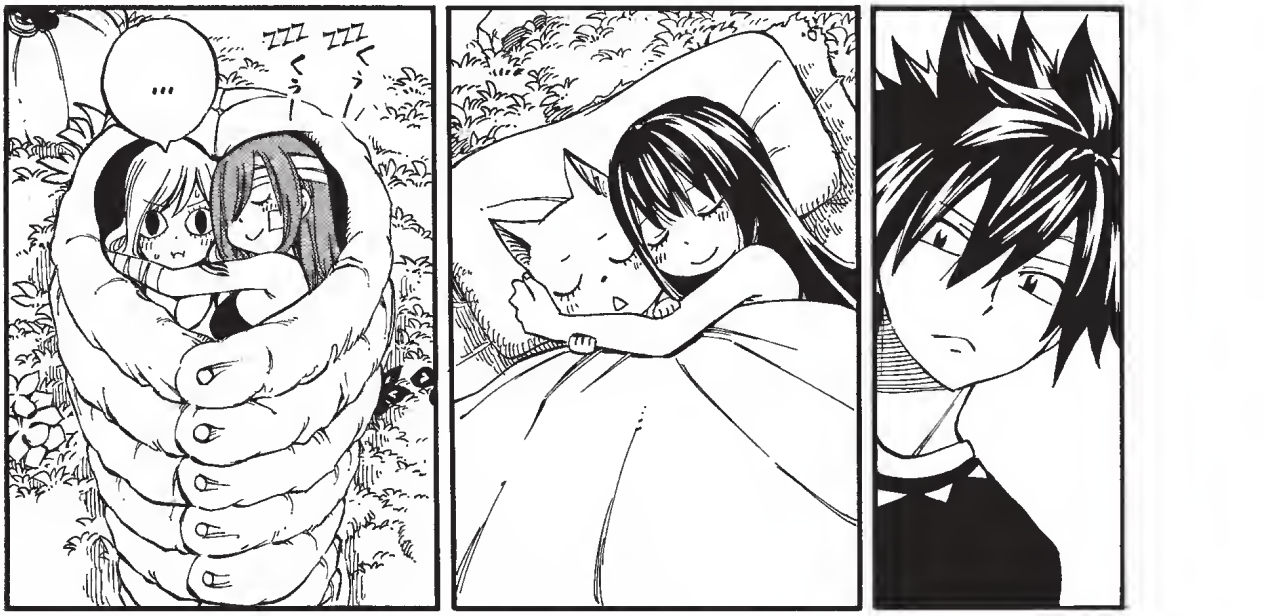
Nothing? Really? We're in the same guild, on the same mission.
It ain't got nothin' to do with you!


!
When did that start?

SIGH ...
Does it got anything to do with that time a year back when you took in all those anti-magic particles?

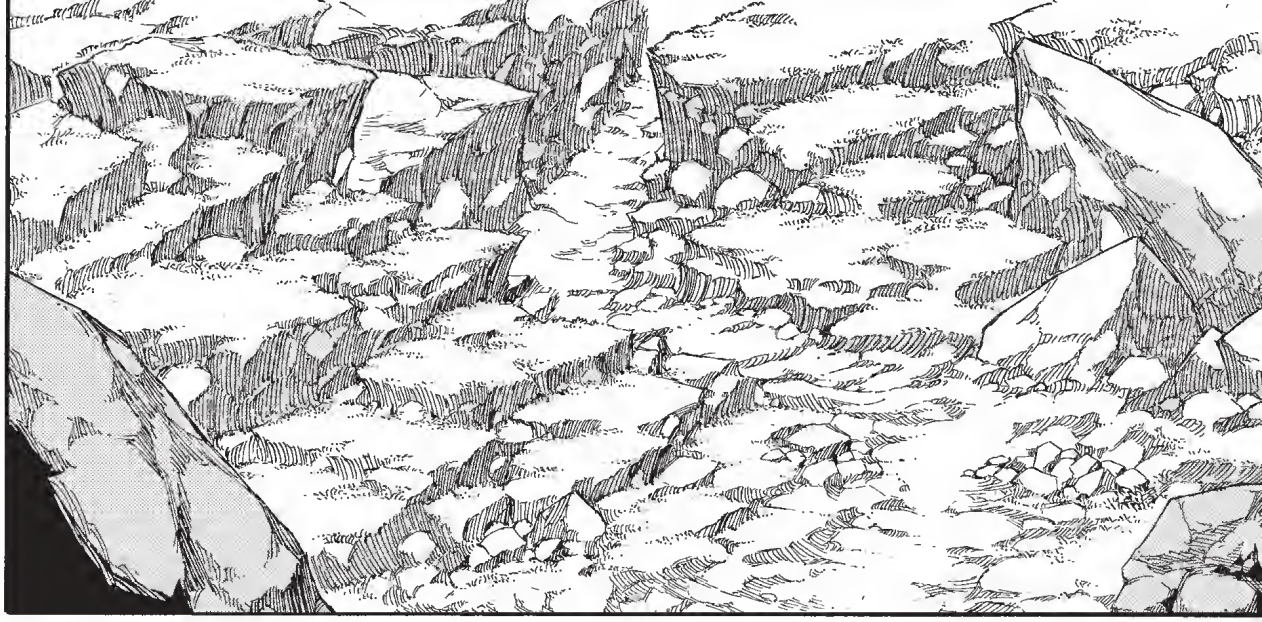

Don't say a word!
Hey, tone down the death glare, okay? It's scary.
It ain't nothin'!

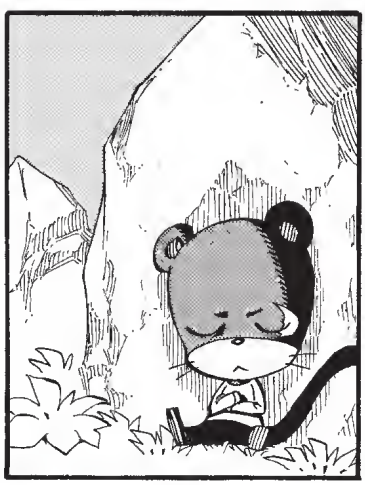

This just happens now and then.
Nothin' to worry about.

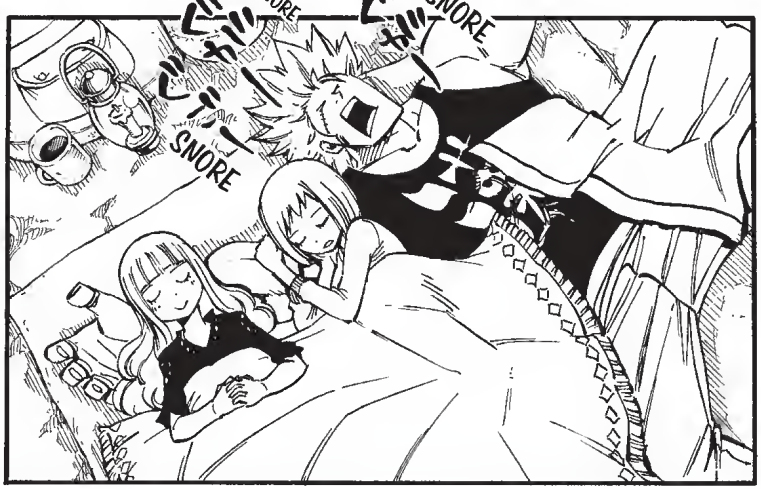

...
ZZZ
ZZZ
くぅ～

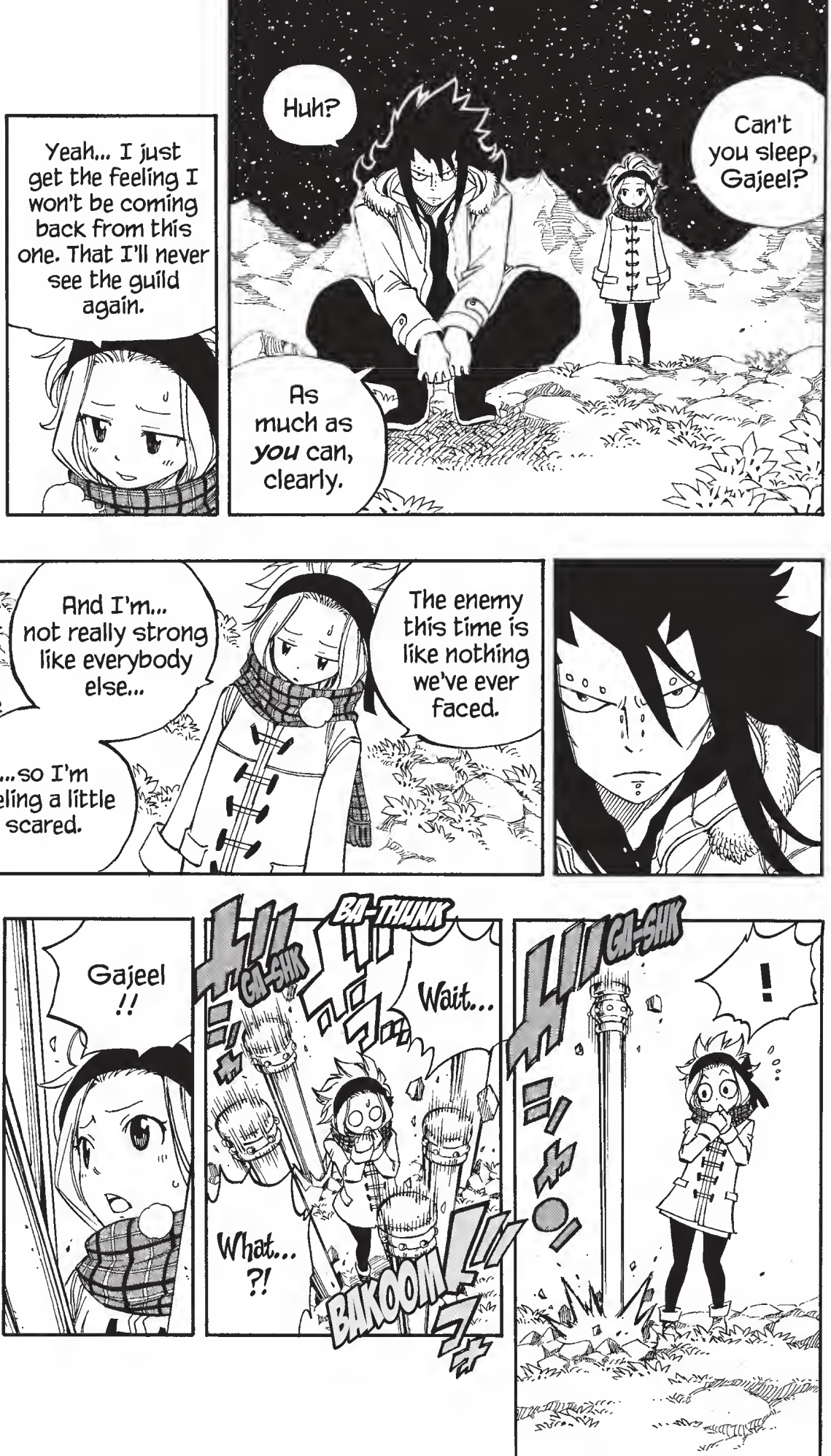
Until the battle is done...
I'm gonna protect this guild...
...even if it kills me!

Huh?!
When did this happen?!
Oh, and put some clothes on.

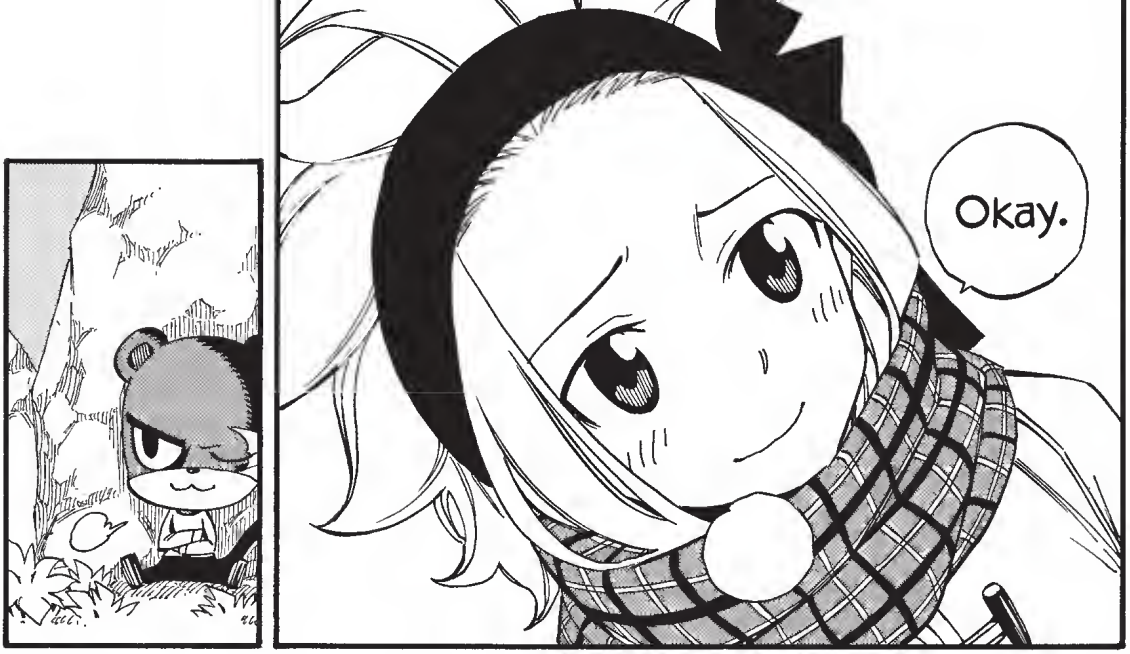




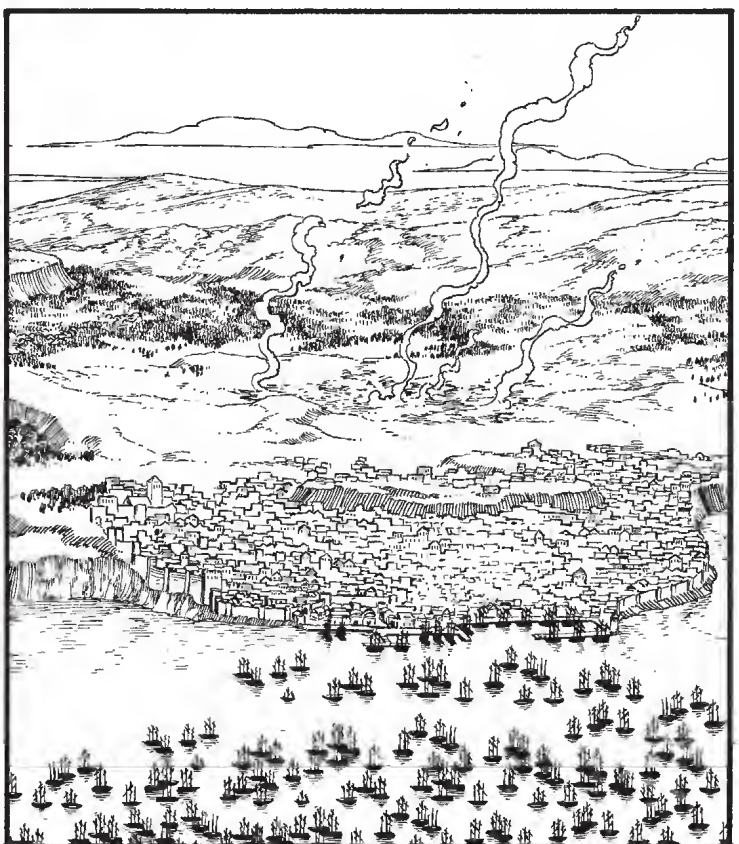

SNORE
SNORE
SNORE


Yeah... I just get the feeling I won't be coming back from this one. That I'll never see the guild again.
Huh?
Can't you sleep, Gajeel?
As much as *you* can, clearly.
And I'm... not really strong like everybody else...
...so I'm feeling a little scared.
The enemy this time is like nothing we've ever faced.
Gajeel !!
GA-SHK
BA-THUNK
Wait...
What... ?!
BAKOOM
GA-SHK
!

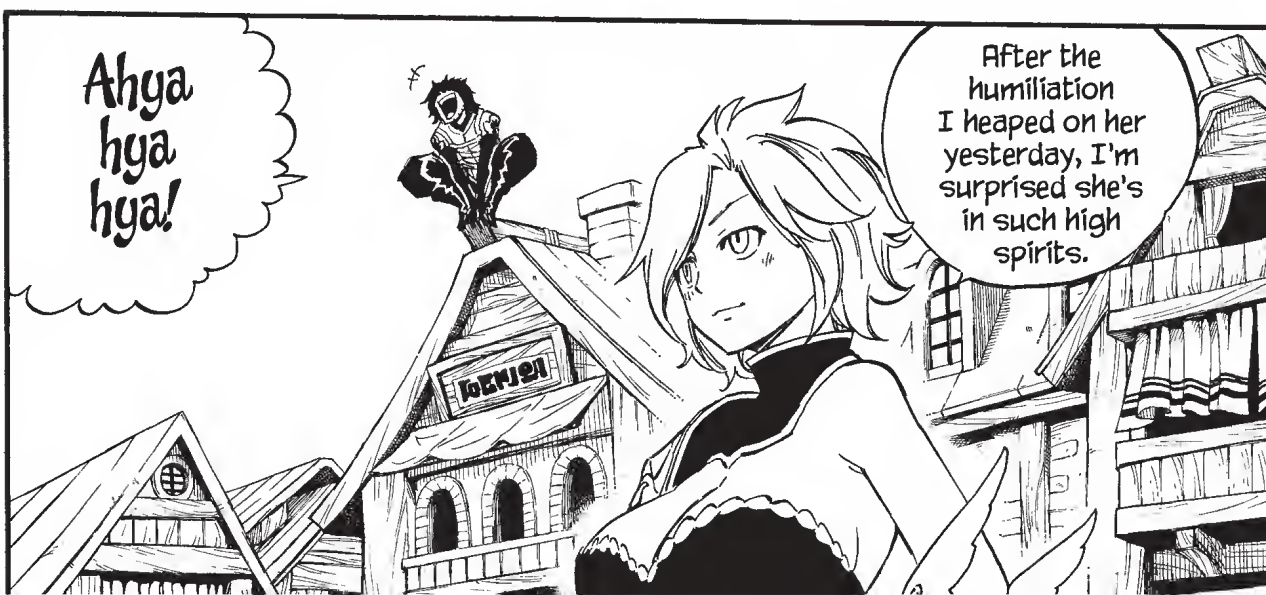
?!
Yer under arrest. The charge— puttin' yerself down.
Now that I nabbed ya...
Sorry ...
Count on it.
...I'm gonna toss ya in a cell back at the guild!


Okay.

TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP

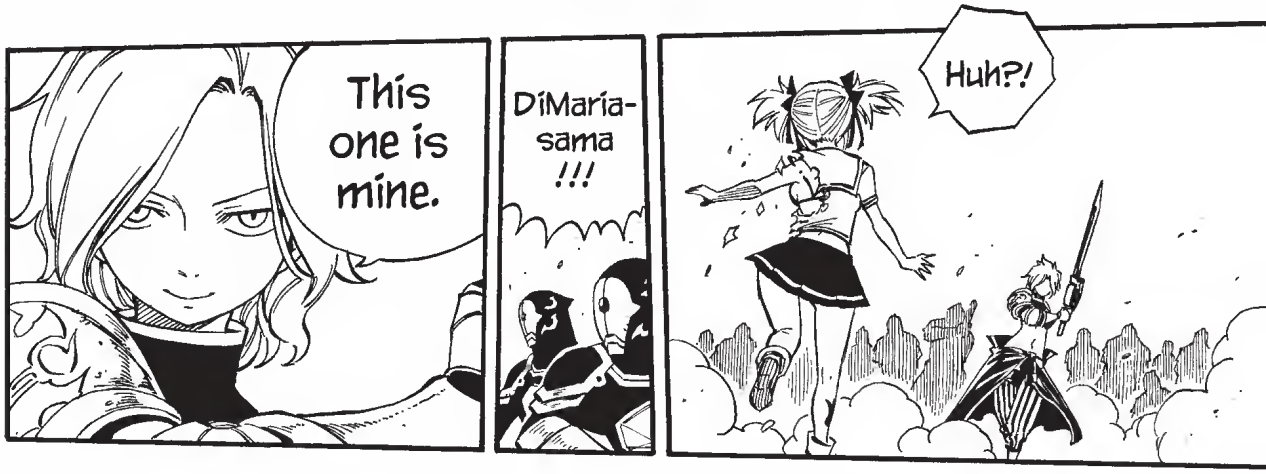


Southern Fiore, the battle to liberate Hargeon.
Forward !!!!
We will take back Hargeon today!!

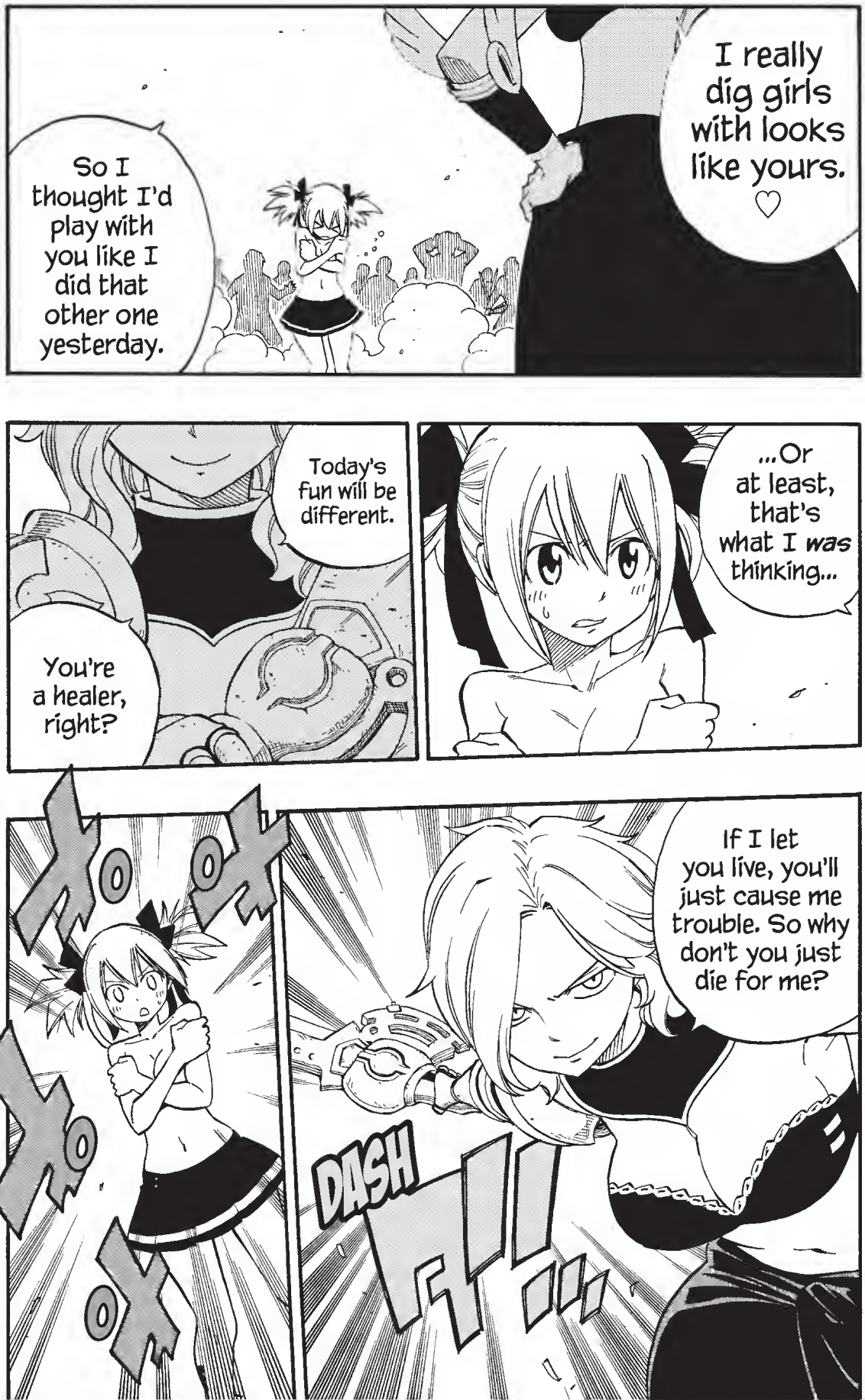

Ahya hya hya!
After the humiliation I heaped on her yesterday, I'm surprised she's in such high spirits.

But today... perhaps I'll choose someone else.
*Sky God's Boreas!!!!
TENJIN NO BOREAS* !!!!
GWOOGGH
**Sky God's...
TENJIN NO** ...
TMP
She's stronger than she looks!
What's with this little girl?!

BANG


This one is mine.
DiMaria-sama !!!
Huh?!

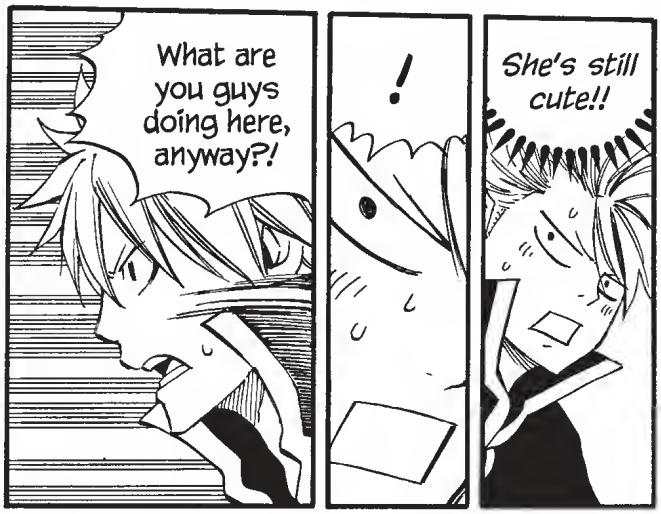
Stop!
No!!

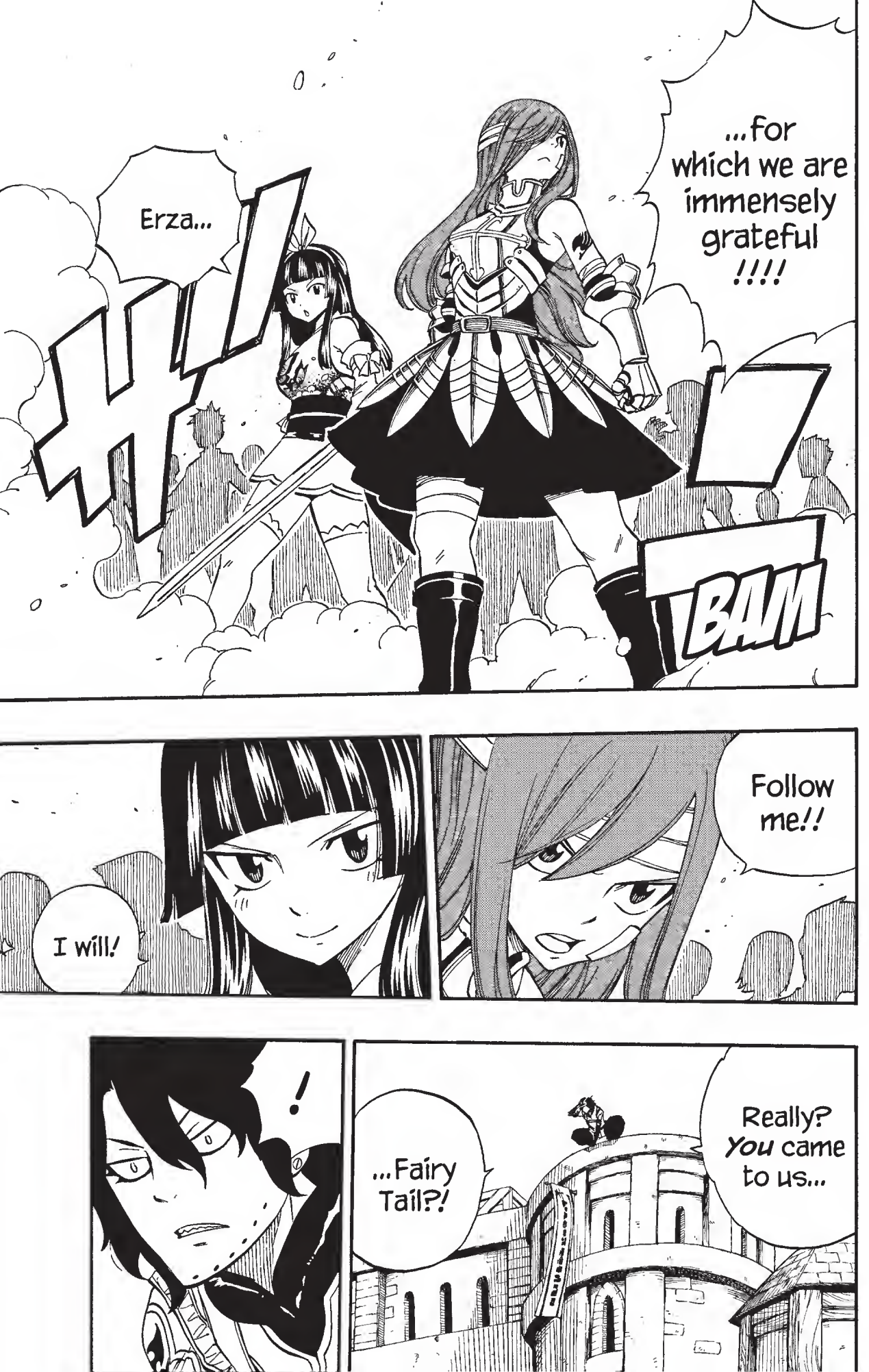

I really dig girls with looks like yours. ♡
So I thought I'd play with you like I did that other one yesterday.
Today's fun will be different.
You're a healer, right?
...Or at least, that's what I *was* thinking...
If I let you live, you'll just cause me trouble. So why don't you just die for me?
DASH
FU!!
OOH
OOH
OOH

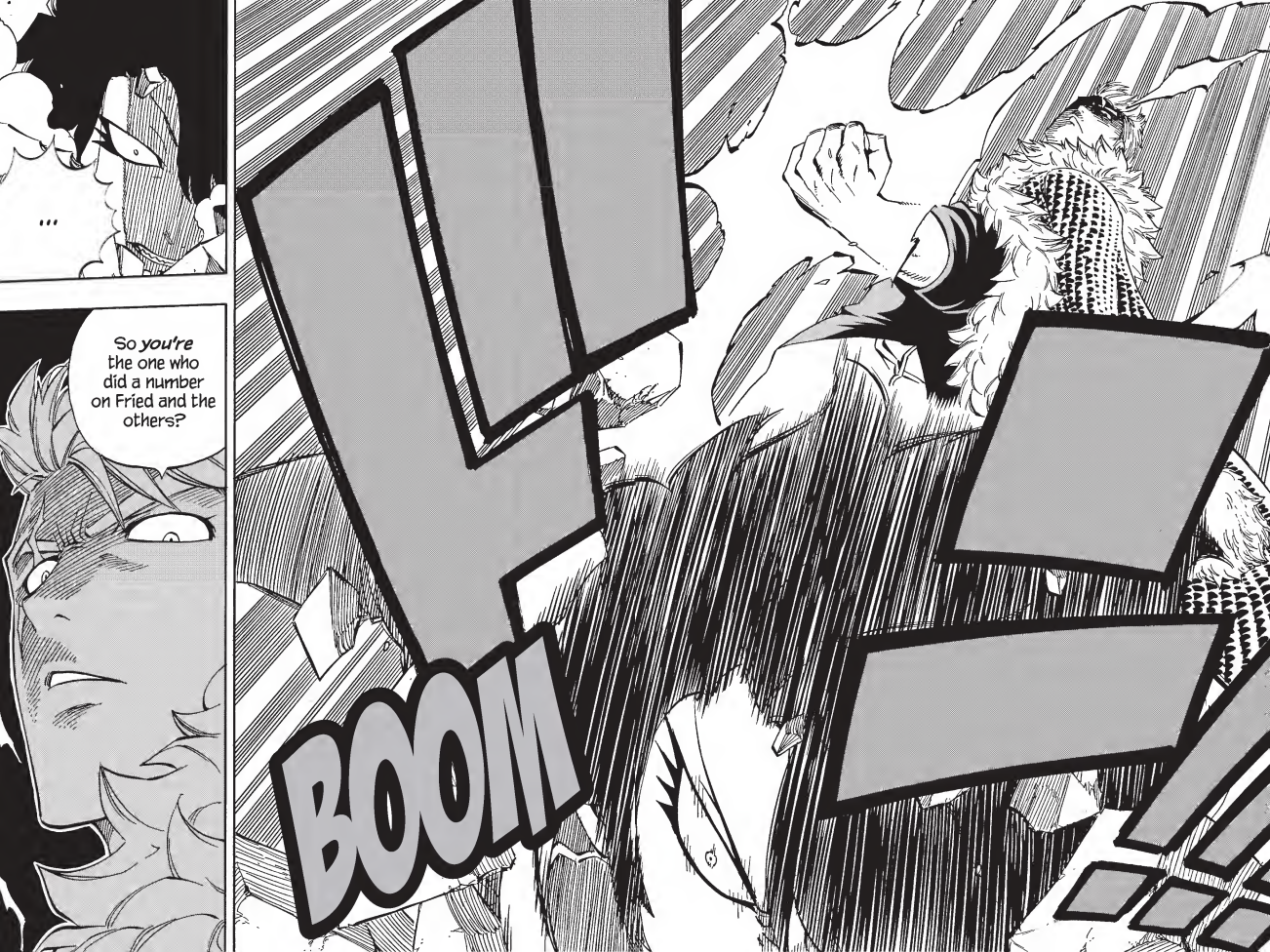
Wendy !!!
Sorry to keep you waiting, Sherria!!
The Sky Sisters are back together!!
KABOOM
!!!!

You kicked me...
...in the face...?!
Let's give it one big push!!
DASH
Juvia!!!
Gray!!
Lyon!!! We're advancing the front line!!!
おおぉぉっ
ナニ!!
っ
!!

This was our fight from the beginning.
ZSH
You other guilds just *had* to stick your noses in...


What are you guys doing here, anyway?!
!
She's still cute!!


Erza...
...for which we are immensely grateful !!!!
BAM
I will!
Follow me!!
!
...Fairy Tail?!
Really? You came to us...

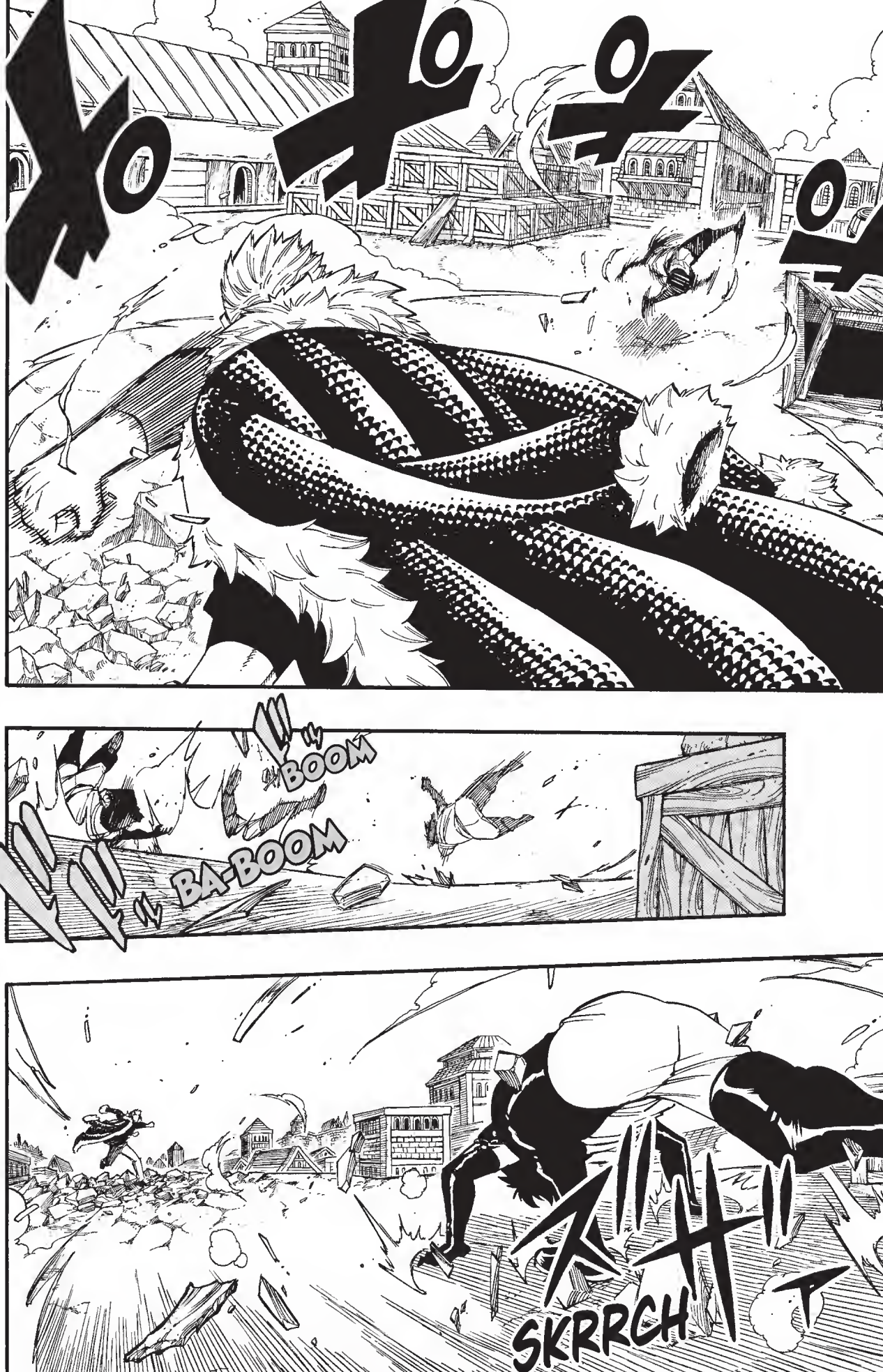

...
So *you're* the one who did a number on Fried and the others?
BOOM

GRAB
Who're they?
SHING
BA-KRAK
My friends, that's who!!!

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 472: Laxus vs. Wall


BOOM
BA-BOOM
SKRRCH

Really?
SHIIIING
An alchemy composite of copper and zinc...
...forged into 9 mm projectiles ...
DAT
DAT
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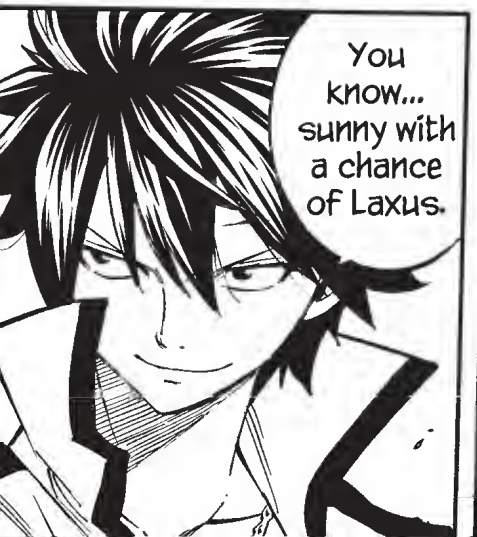
Fire !!!!

CRAKL
CRAKL
CRAKL
CRAKL
CRAKL
!!
FLASH
!!

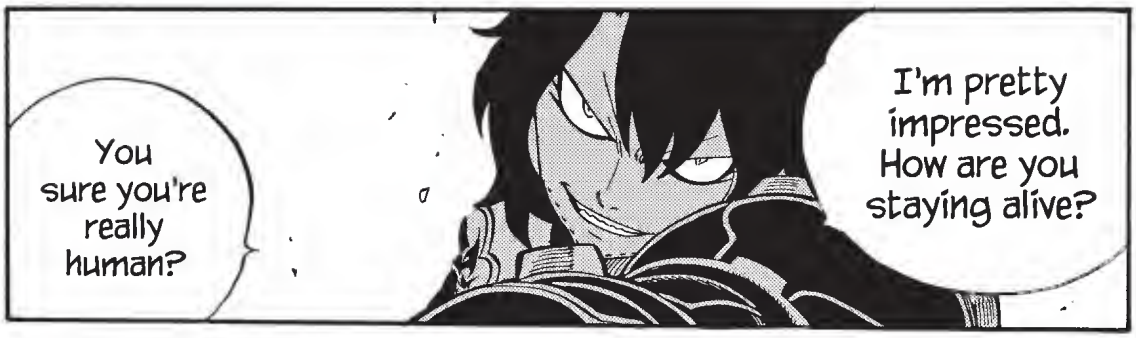
KABOOM


You know... sunny with a chance of Laxus.

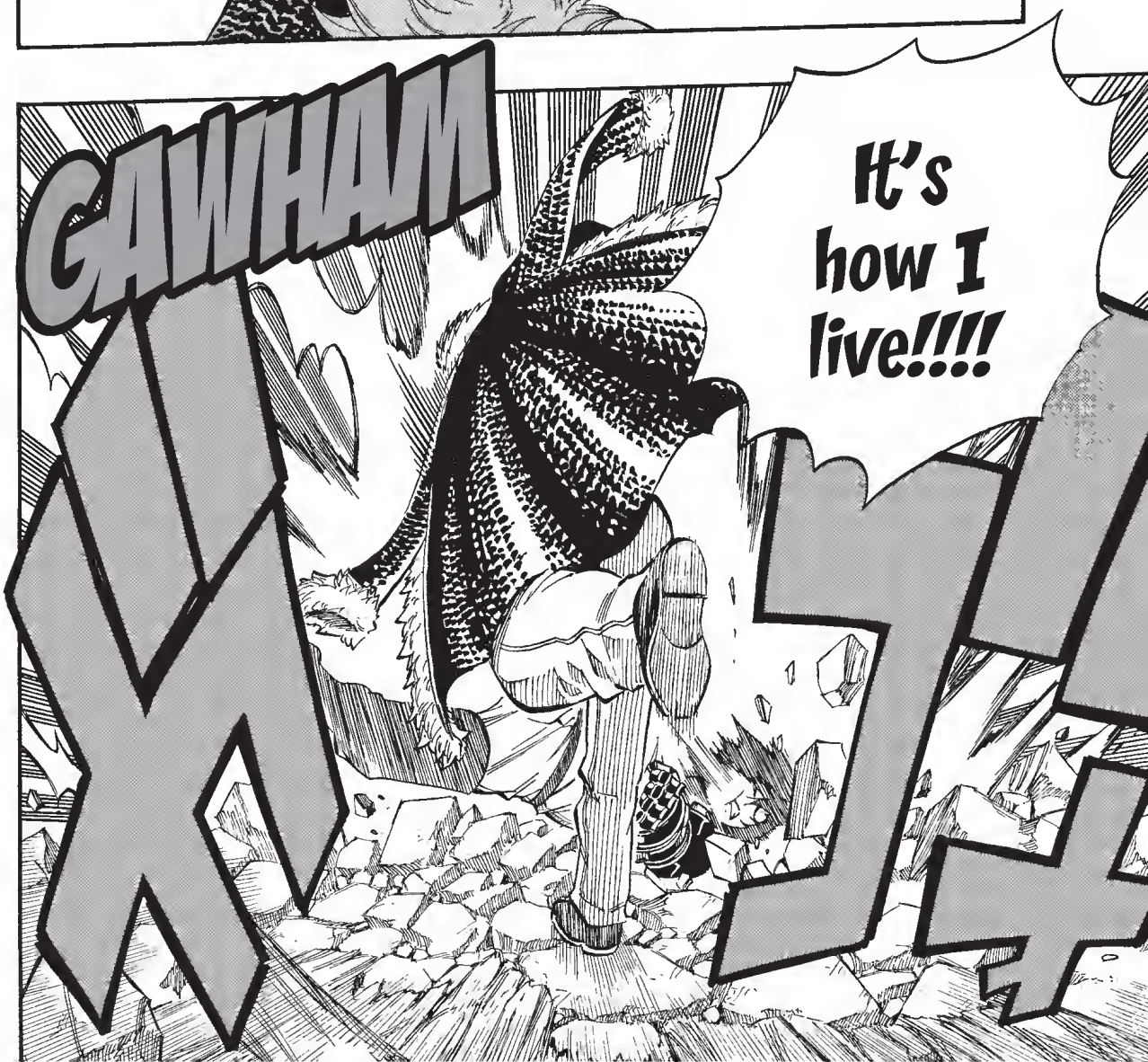
Lightning ...?!
That's typical weather in Magnolia.

KA-SAILING
Plus some isolated glaciers.
I gotta say, you're not bad.
Now, let's see...

Hey, your body...
...is full of...
!
Analyze!
BEEP
BEEP
BOOOM
GAKOOOM
GA-SHK

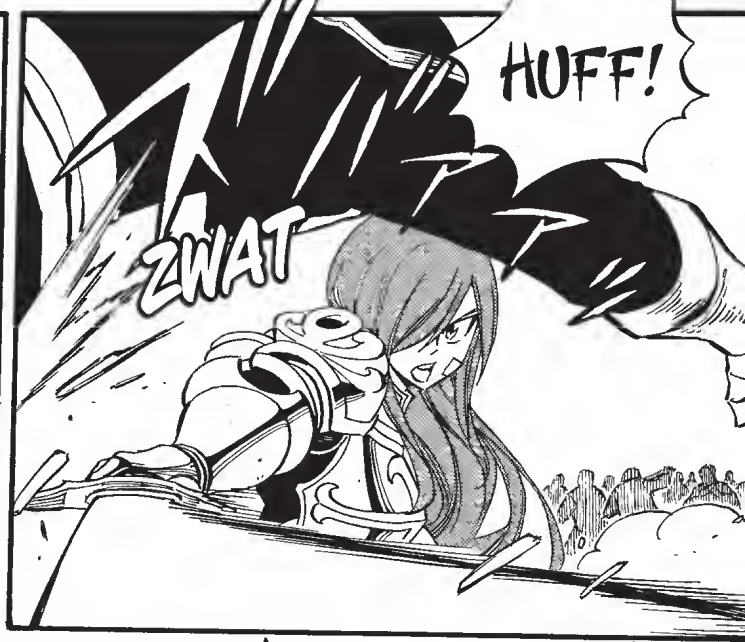

You sure you're really human?
I'm pretty impressed. How are you staying alive?

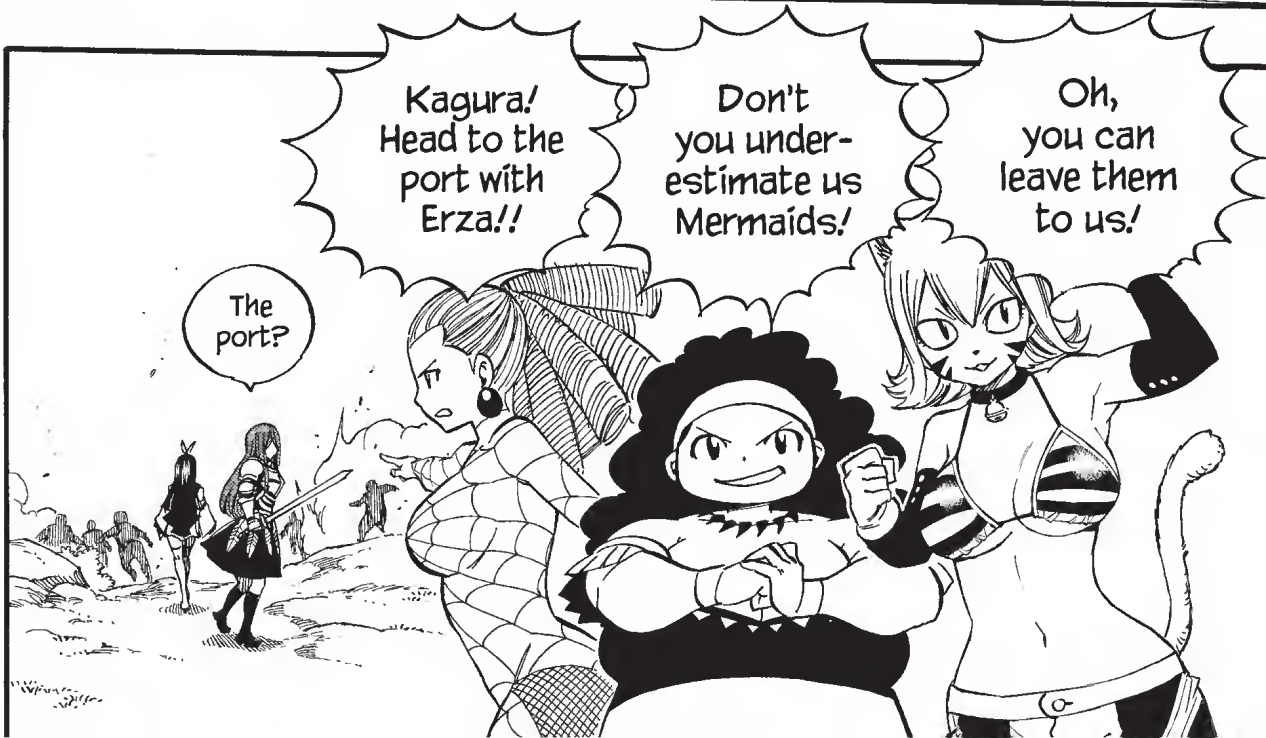
It ain't how I stay alive!

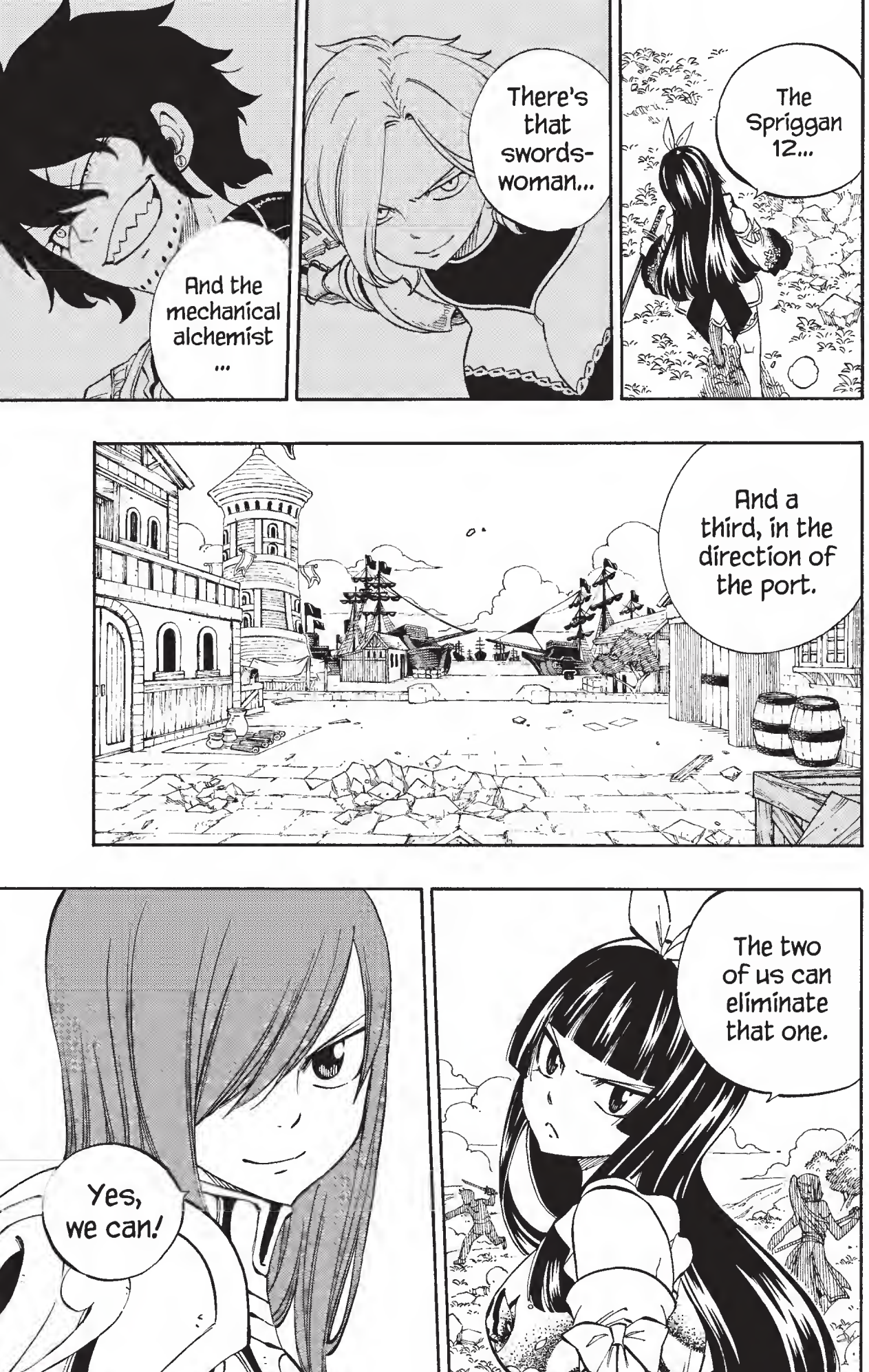

GAWHAM
It's how I live!!!!

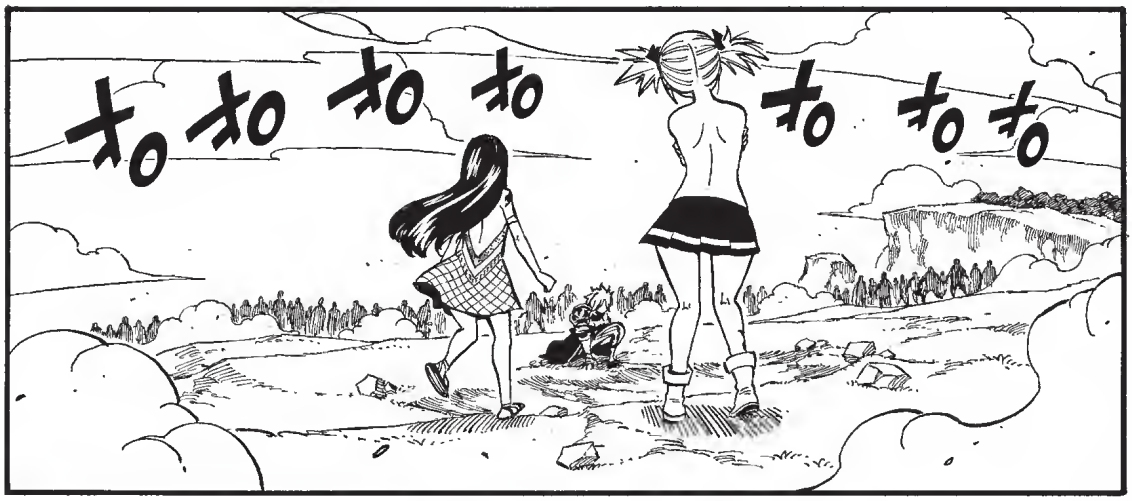
You humans. Always so picky with words.
GACHANG
GACHANG
Consider this a warning.
Lightning ain't gonna work on me.
PSHHHH
Ahya hya hya hya!!!
BA-KRAK
Gah!
I want'cha to think real hard about how you wanna die!!!!

There are still enemies left here.
Erza, this way!!


HUFF!
ZWAT


Kagura! Head to the port with Erza!!
Don't you under-estimate us Mermaids!
Oh, you can leave them to us!
The port?


And the mechanical alchemist ...
There's that swords-woman...
The Spriggan 12...
And a third, in the direction of the port.
Yes, we can!
The two of us can eliminate that one.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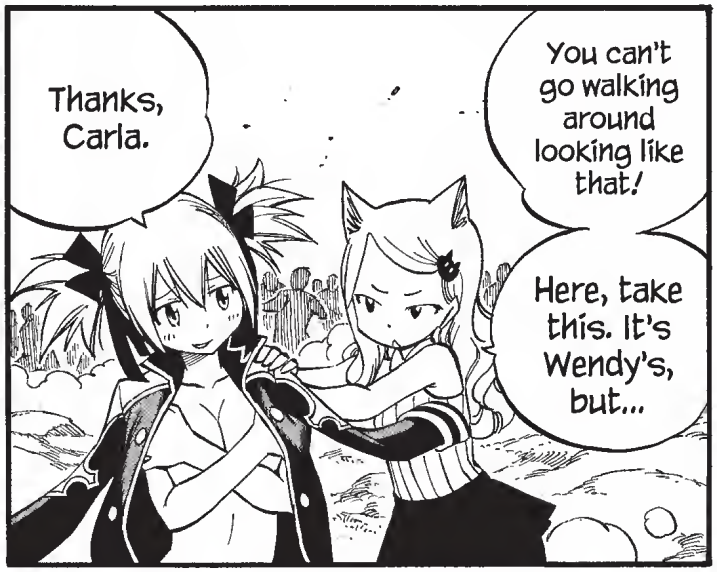
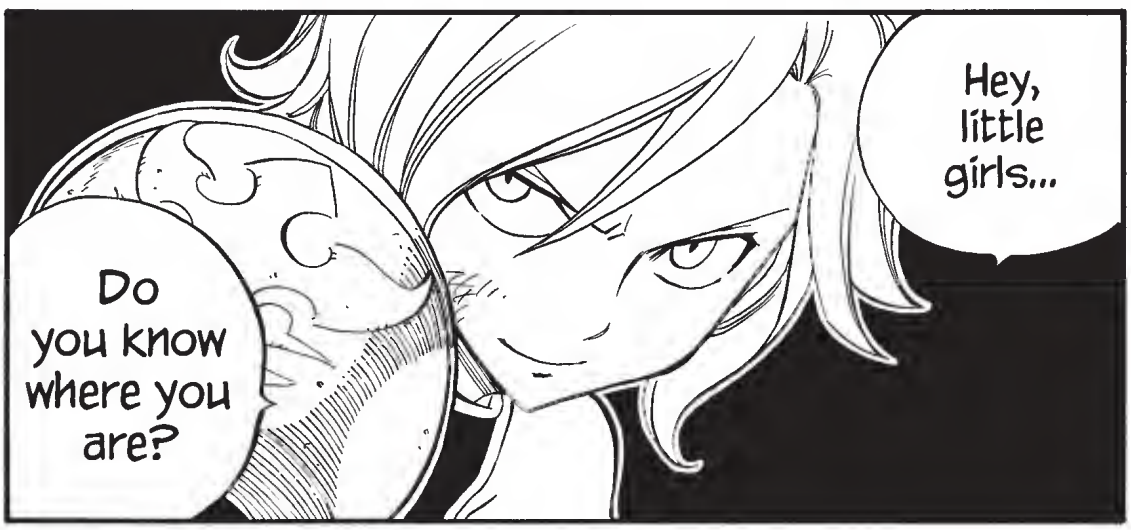
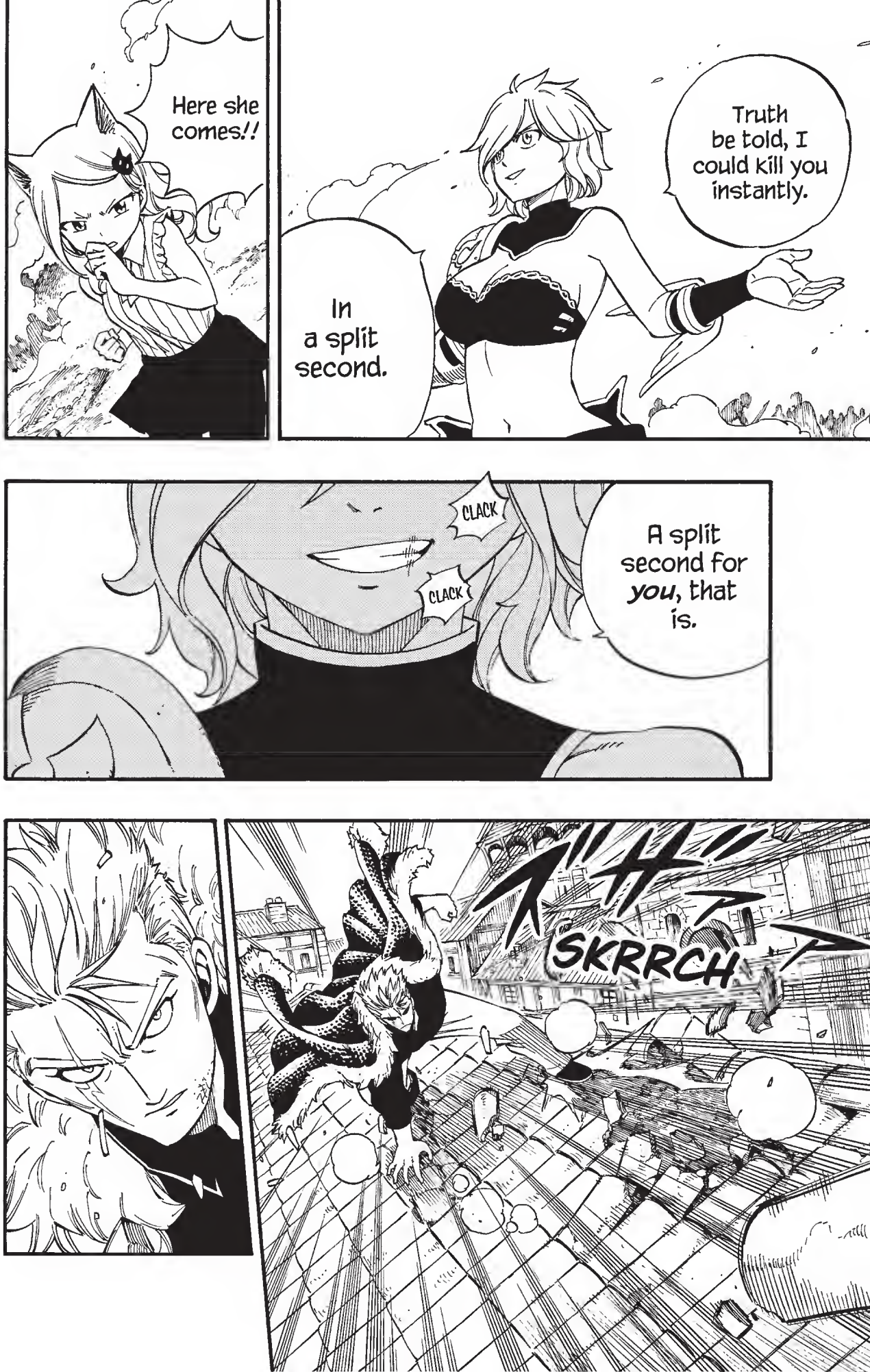
...
Huh? It's so tight...


Thanks, Carla.
You can't go walking around looking like that!
Here, take this. It's Wendy's, but...

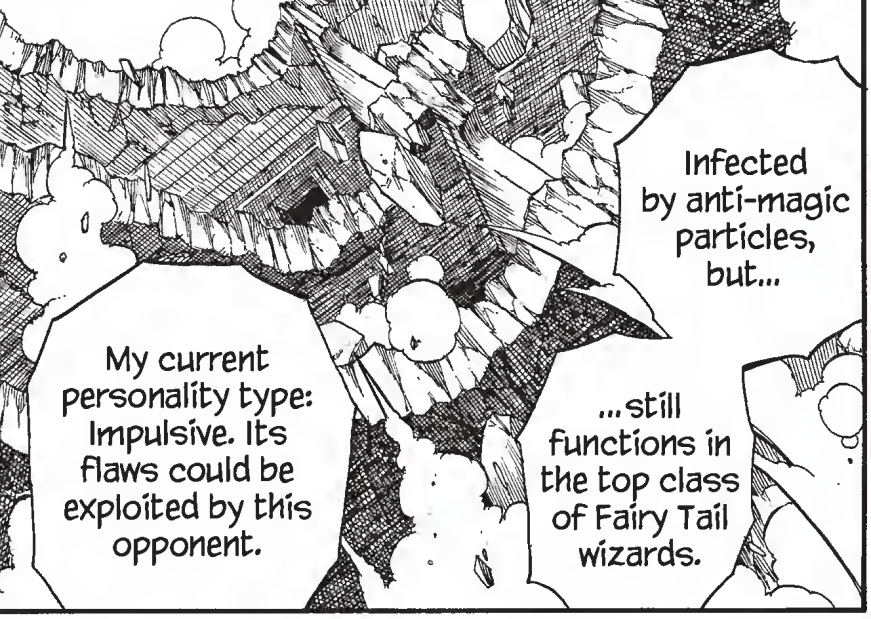

Hey, little girls...
Do you know where you are?

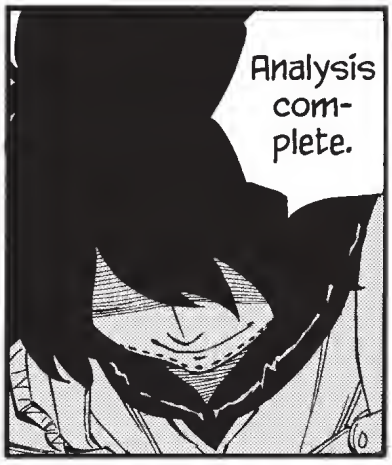
Right!
Be on your guard! I don't know what kind of magic she uses!
This is a battlefield, not a play-ground.
It's no place for children.
Don't expect me to pull my punches just because you're kids.
This used to be a peaceful town! You people changed all that!
But we're going to return it to how it was!

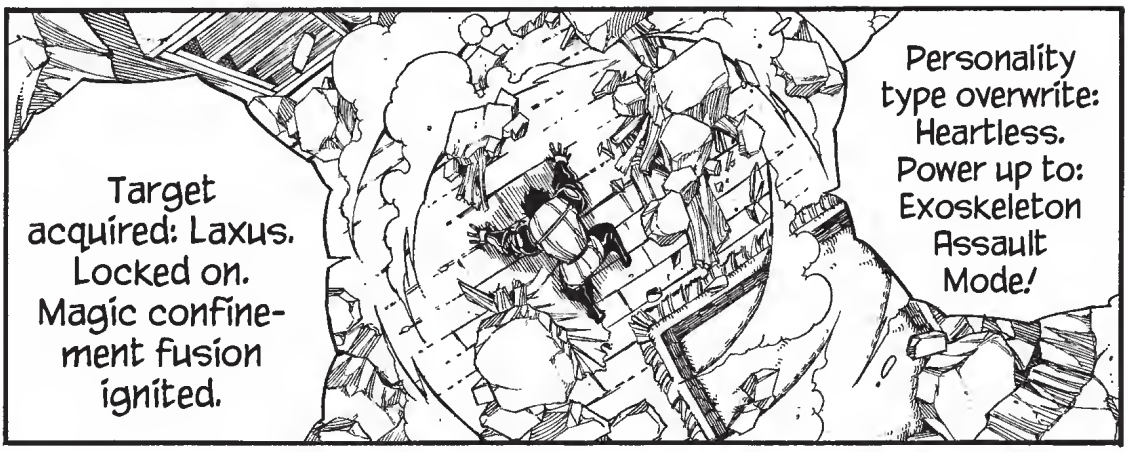

Here she comes!!
Truth be told, I could kill you instantly.
In a split second.
CLACK
CLACK
A split second for *you*, that is.
SKRRCH

BA-THWOOM
WHACHOOM
GWHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM

BA-KRAK
SLAM
AI!
GWHAM
WHAM
WHAM


Infected by anti-magic particles, but...
...still functions in the top class of Fairy Tail wizards.
My current personality type: Impulsive. Its flaws could be exploited by this opponent.


Analysis complete.


Target acquired: Laxus. Locked on. Magic confinement fusion ignited.
Personality type overwrite: Heartless. Power up to: Exoskeleton Assault Mode!

!
SHINING
Estimated time until extermination...
RUMBLE
90 seconds.

What ?!
It's burning the sky... ?!
Targeting correction.
KH ...
STING
BOOOOM
WHOOSH

XI
GA-CHANK
T
Assault Wall: Attack Mode engaged.
No ...!!!
Not now !!!!

FAIRY TAIL

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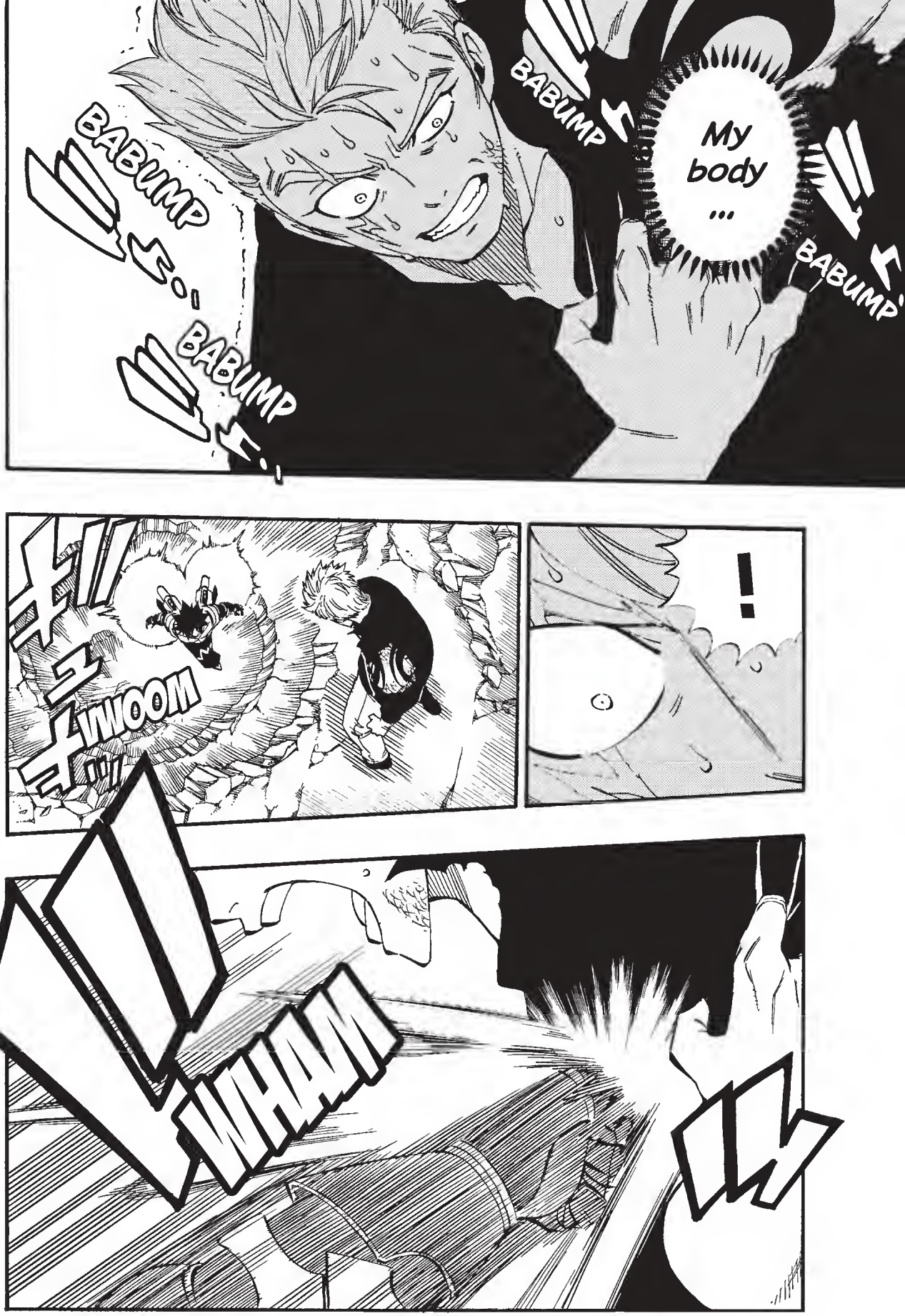
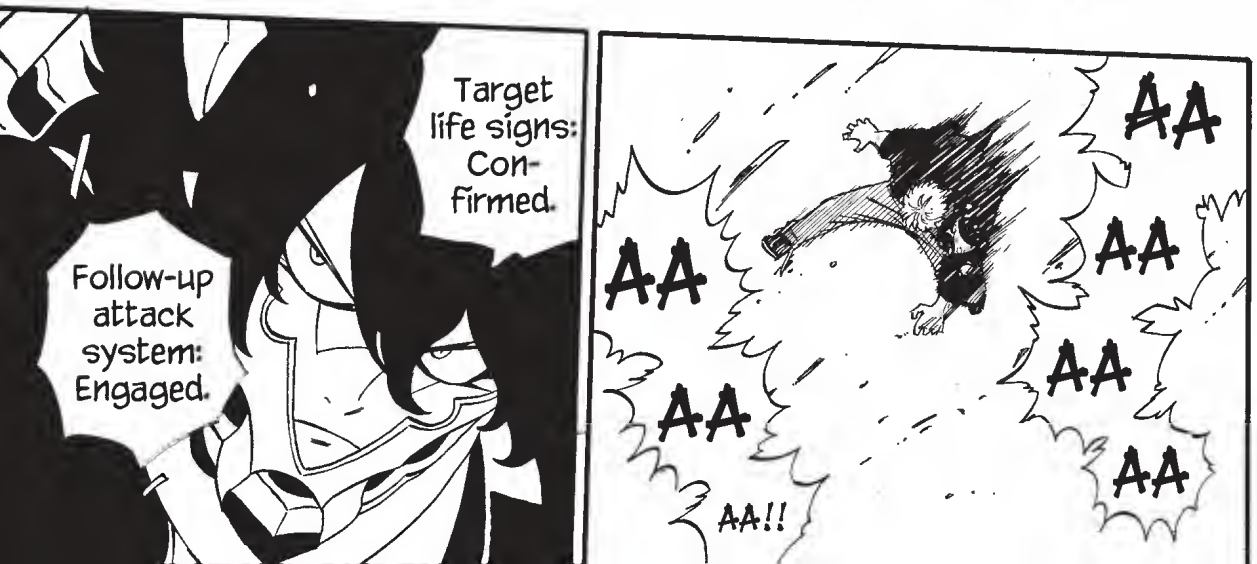
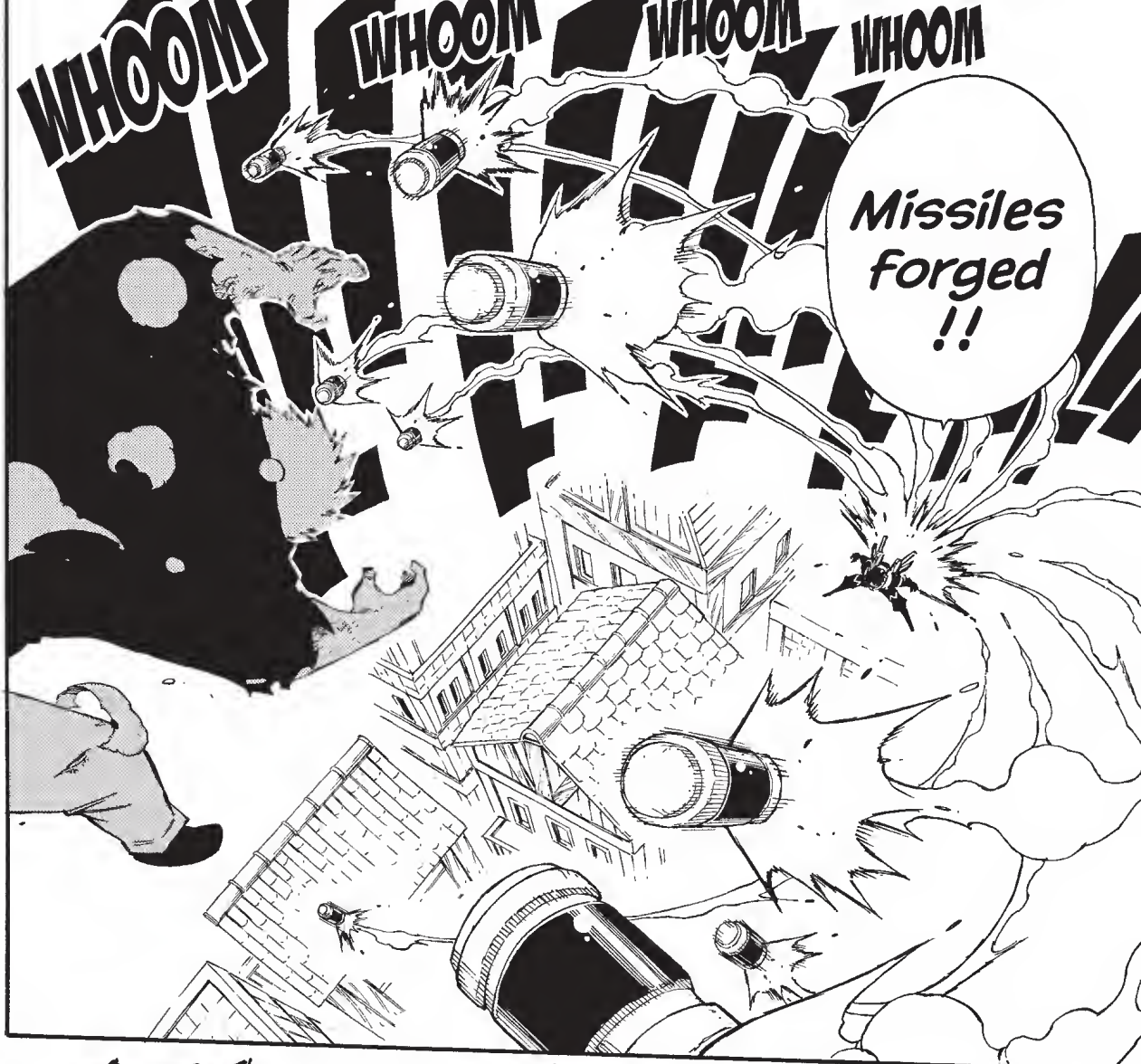
Chapter 473: Red Lightning

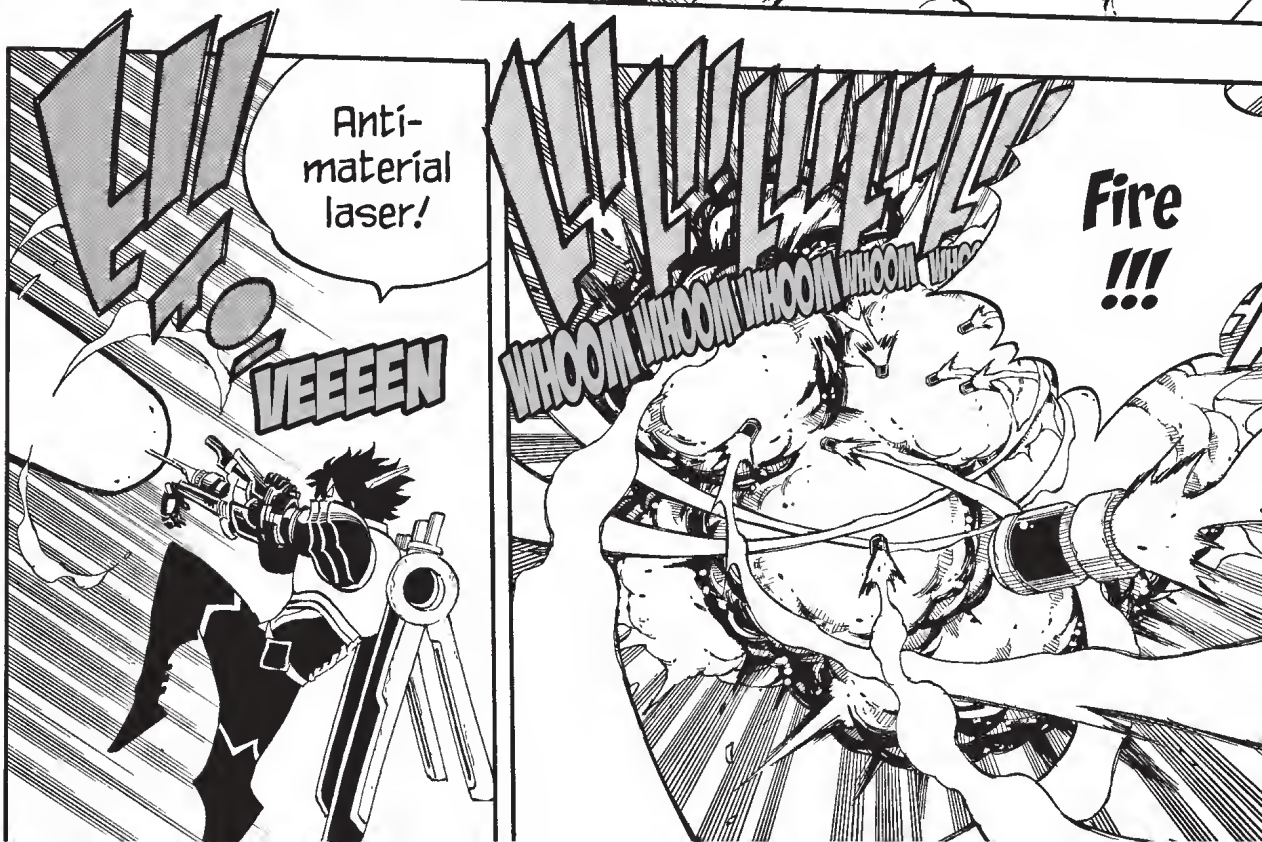

BABUMP
BABUMP
BABUMP
My body ...
BABUMP
!
WOOM
WHAM

ROAR
GASHK

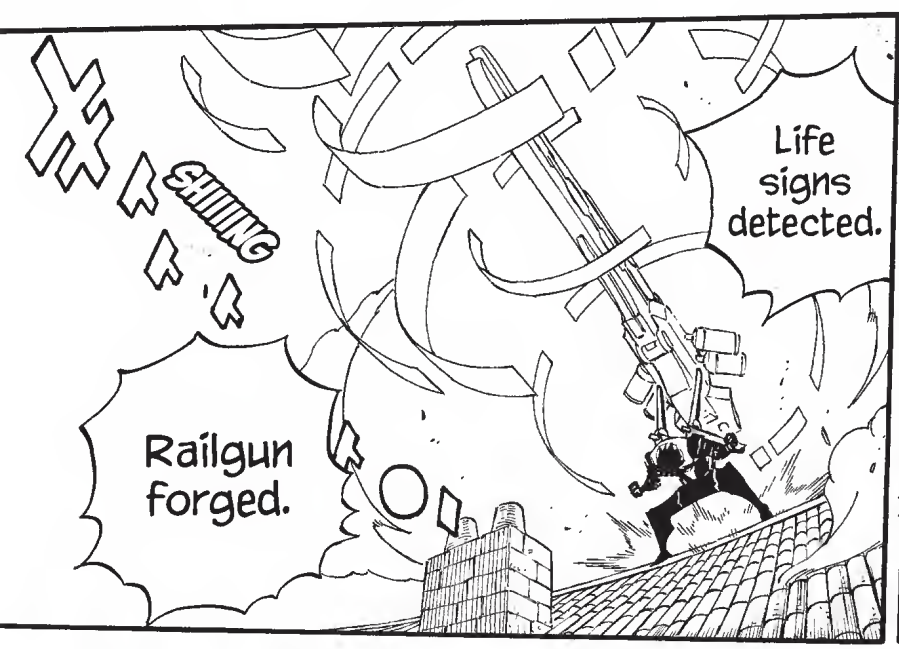
WHAM


Target life signs: Confirmed.
Follow-up attack system: Engaged.
AA
AA
AA
AA
AA
AA!!


WHOOM
WHOOM
WHOOM
WHOOM
Missiles forged !!


Anti-material laser!
VEEEEN
WHOOM WHOOM WHOOM WHOOM
Fire !!!

KA-THWOOM
Gah!
ZHEEEEEN


CHIIING
Railgun forged.
Life signs detected.

GWHOOM
Blast through him!!!

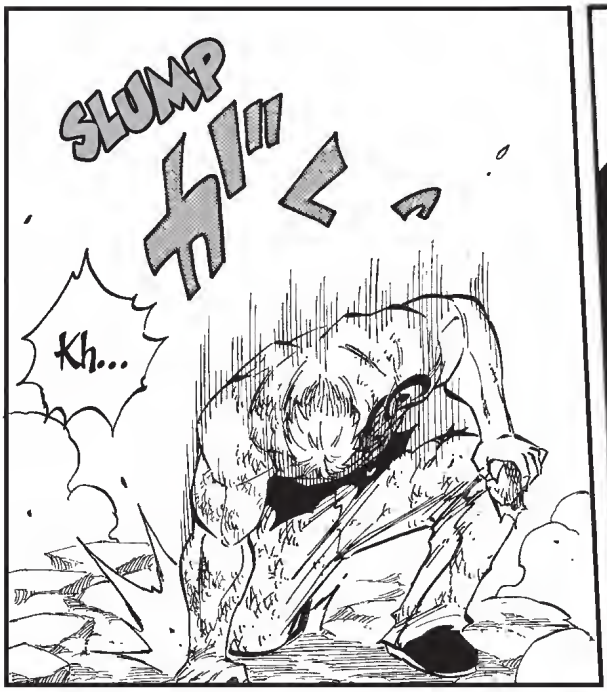
!
VEEJ
VEEJ
VEEJ
VEEJ
IGHWOOOM
Damn! Electric power only makes him stronger!
BA-KRAK

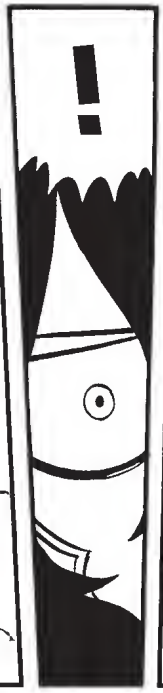
TAT TAT TAT TAT TAT TAT TAT
But his electri-city can't hurt me either!
!!!
VSH
VSH
VSH
CRACK

CRASH

That damned ...

SYSTEM ERROR.
TIME TO EXTERMINATION: EXPENDED.
SYSTEM ERROR.


SLUMP
Kh...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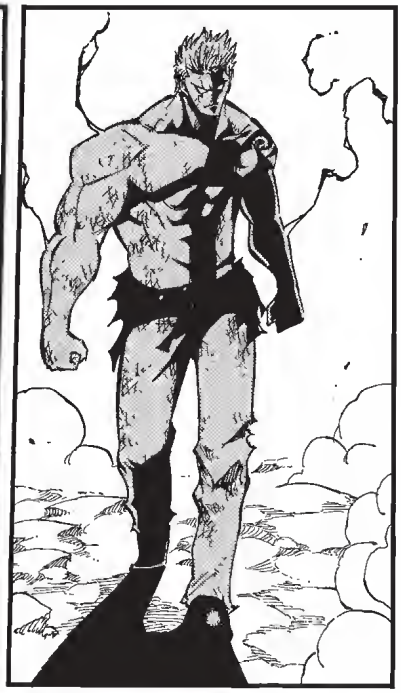
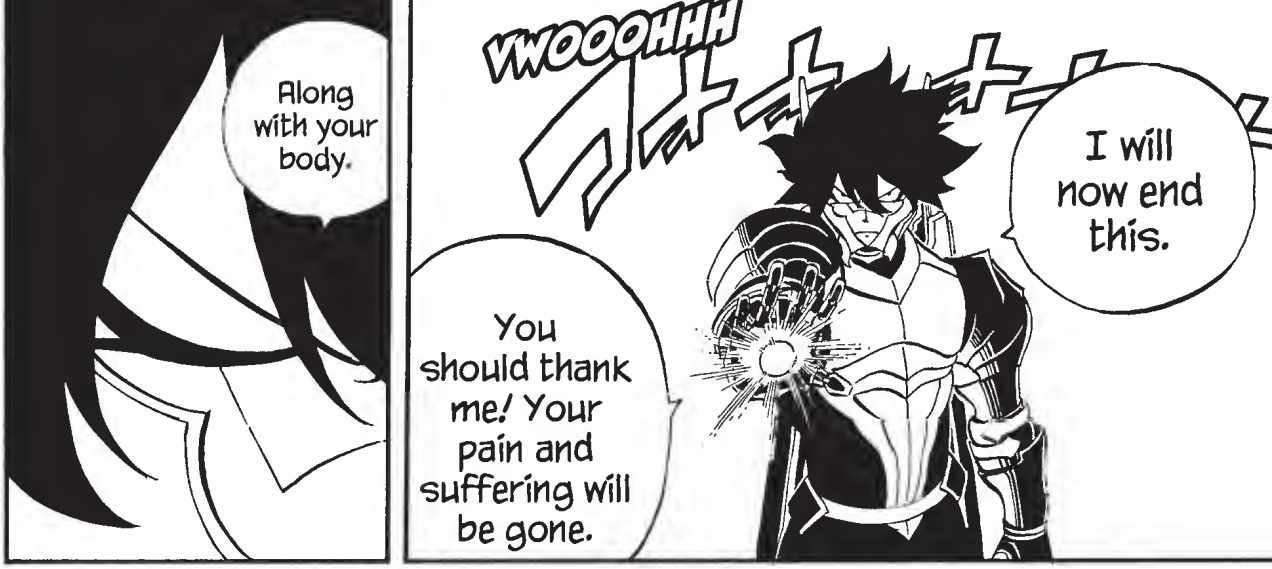
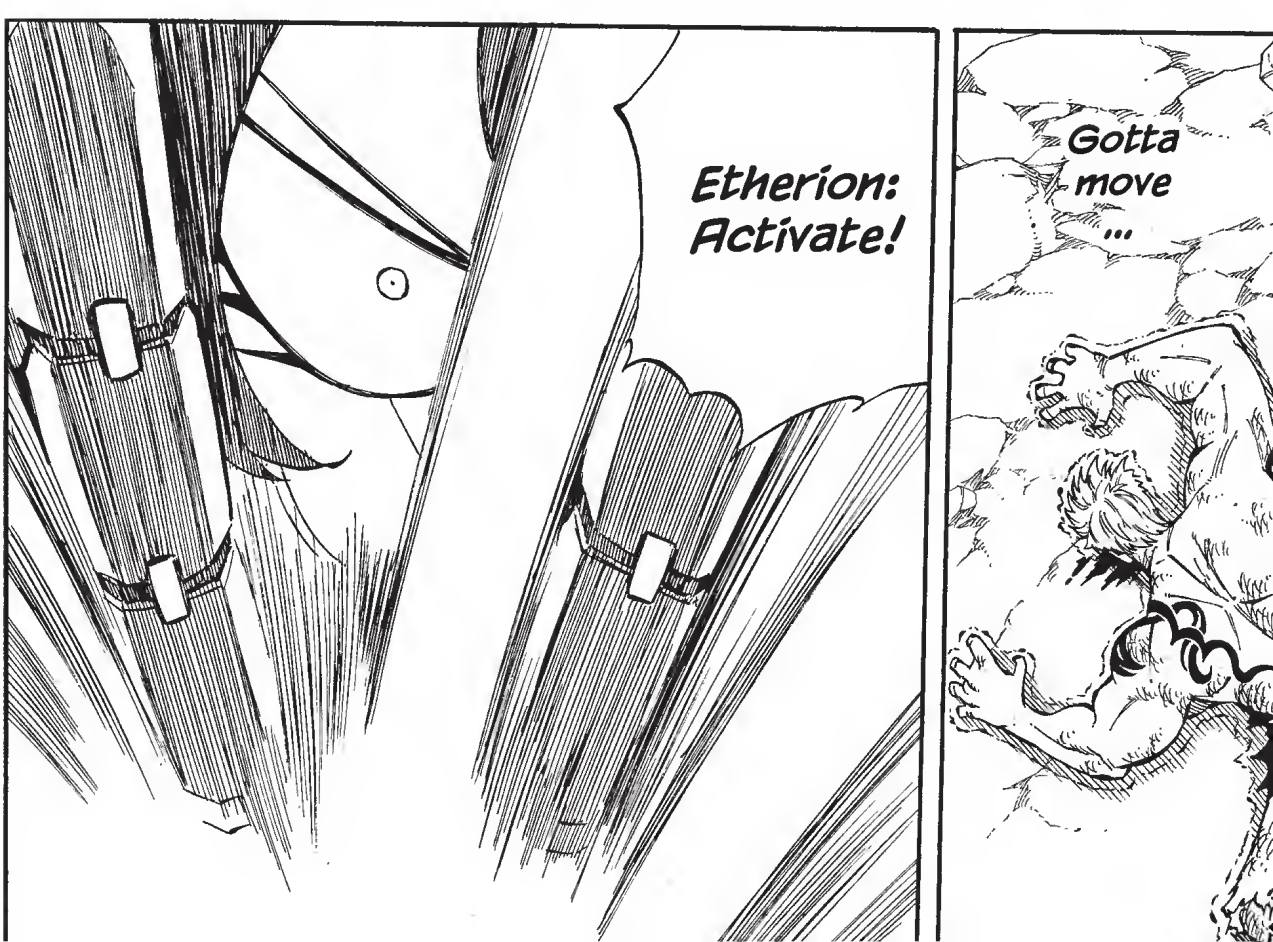
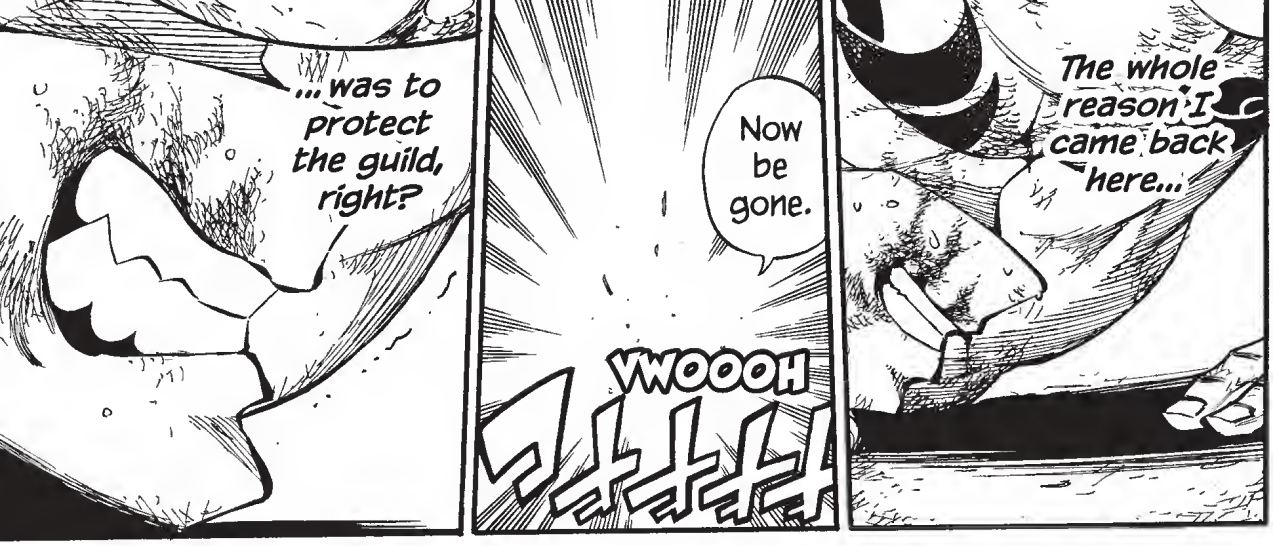


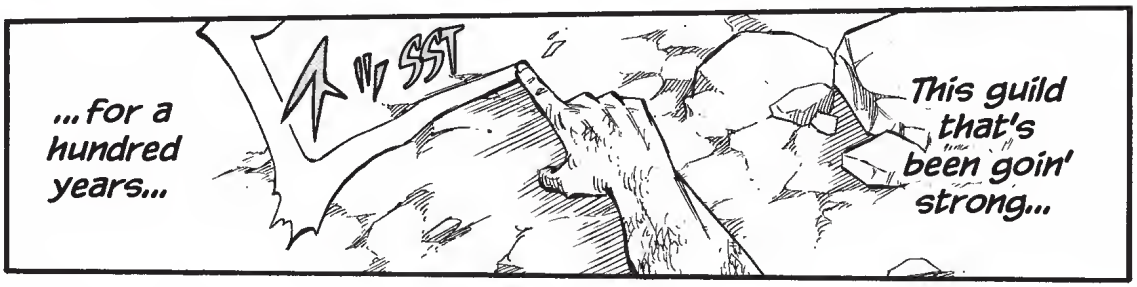
KOFF!
KOFF!
KOFF!
So, you're at your limit...?
GRAAH!
KAFF!
KOFF!
WHUD
Your legs won't hold you. Your arms won't move. Even breathing is a struggle.
The anti-magic particles infecting you have over-whelmed your system.
Dammit ...
Dammit !!
Even if you *could* move, your lightning has no effect.
If this were chess, I would declare checkmate.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

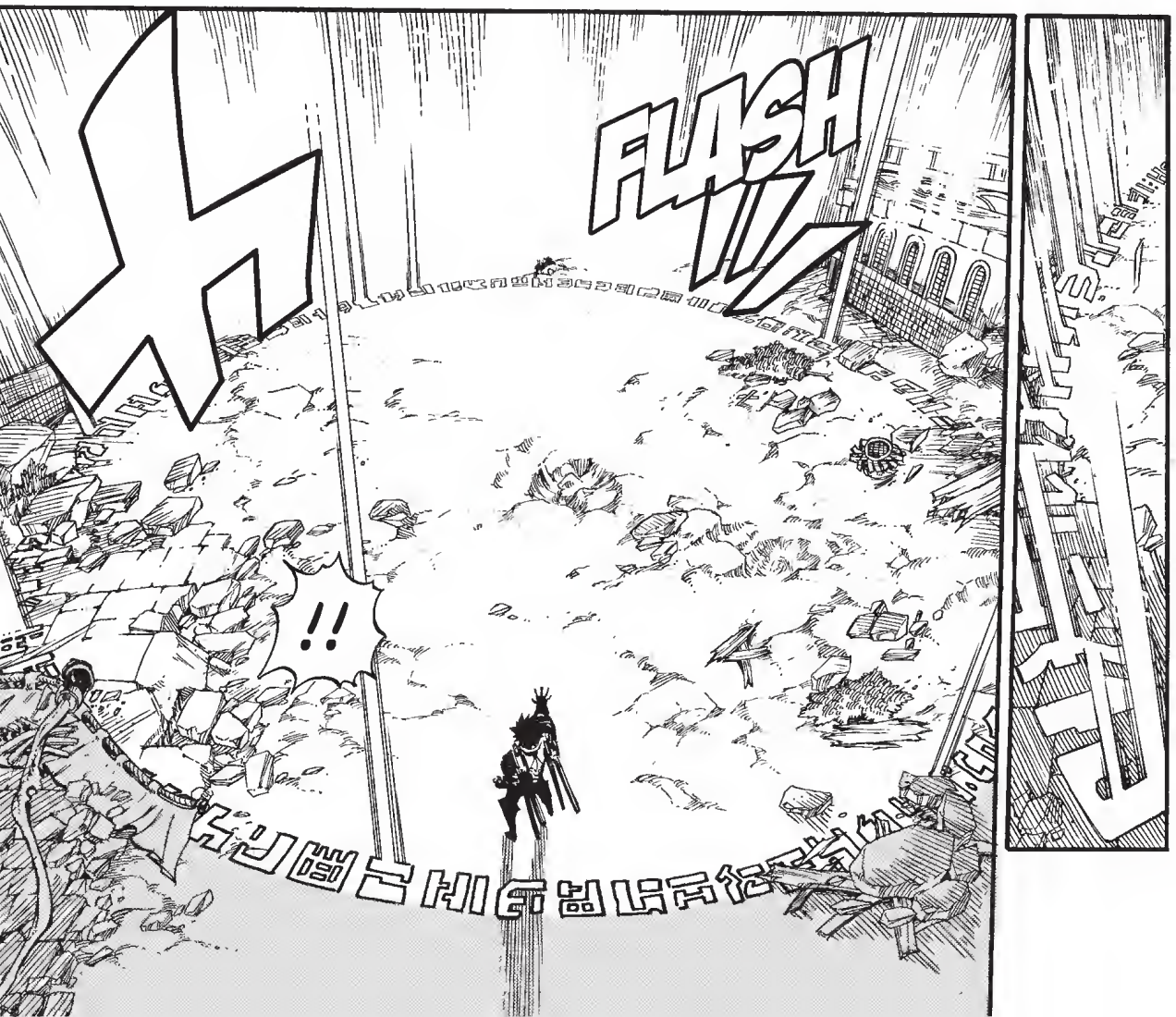

Along with your body.
VWOOOHHH
I will now end this.
You should thank me! Your pain and suffering will be gone.

VWOOOHHH
Magic confinement fusion phase-boundary-breakthrough kill system: Online!
Charging with illegal ethernanos-dispersing ammunition!
Kh...


Etherion: Activate!
Gotta move ...


...was to protect the guild, right?
Now be gone.
VWOOOH
The whole reason I came back here...

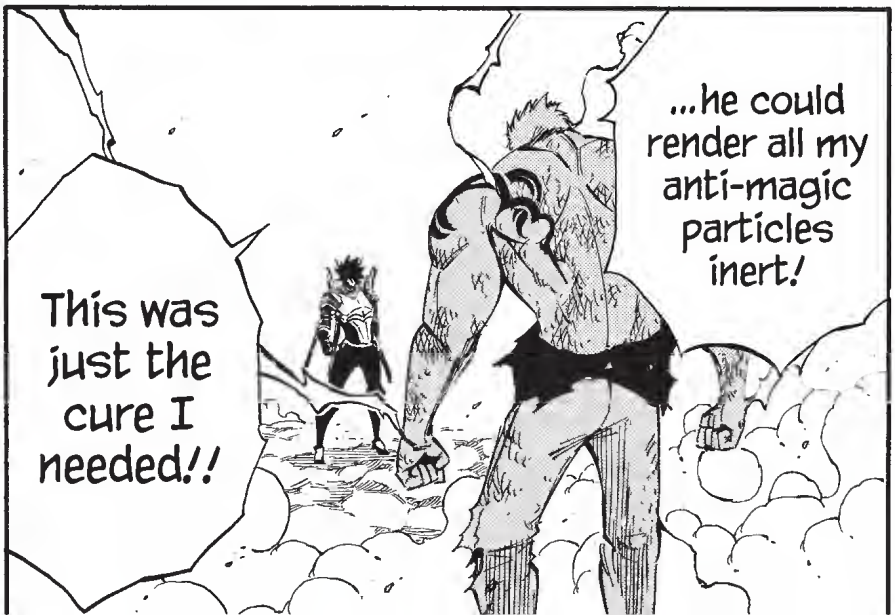

...for a hundred years...
SST
This guild that's been goin' strong...


FLASH
!!

Fried taught me...
Anything inside the jutsu-shiki...
A jutsu-shiki...?!!
In the middle of a battle...?! How?!
Wh-What is this...?!!
Too bad for you!! I guess you forgot!!!
This case is an easy win.
Could it be that there's a magic canceller among the enemy?!
Jutsu-shiki don't work on me!!!!
!!
BA-BUMP
Particle Canceller !!!
SH-BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
HUFF
HUFF

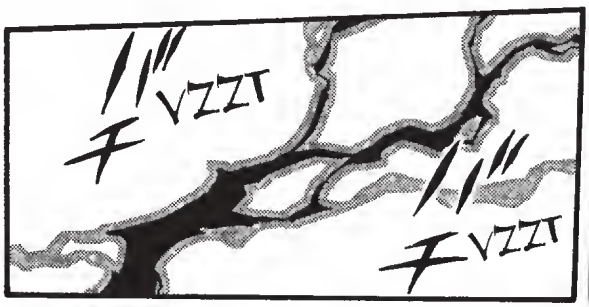
Fried, gotta thank ya...!
There ain't many wizards who can break your jutsu-shiki!
I knew if I found one...

D-Dammit ...!!!


...he could render all my anti-magic particles inert!
This was just the cure I needed!!

PSHHH
PSHHH
PSHHH
PERSONALITY SETTINGS ERROR.
PERSONALITY SETTINGS ERROR.
PSHHH
PSHHH
O O N
O O O O O
O !!!
DASH
You saved my life, so I'd rather not take you down, but...
...you also did a number on my friends !!!!
You're powerless!!!! Case dismissed for failure to prosecute!!!!
AHYA HYA HYA!!
Gah ha ha ha!!
AHYA HYA HYA HYA!
Lightning doesn't work on me!!!!
PERSONALITY SETTINGS ERROR.
PERSONALITY SETTINGS ERROR.

BOOM
And my life ain't worth half as much as theirs!!!

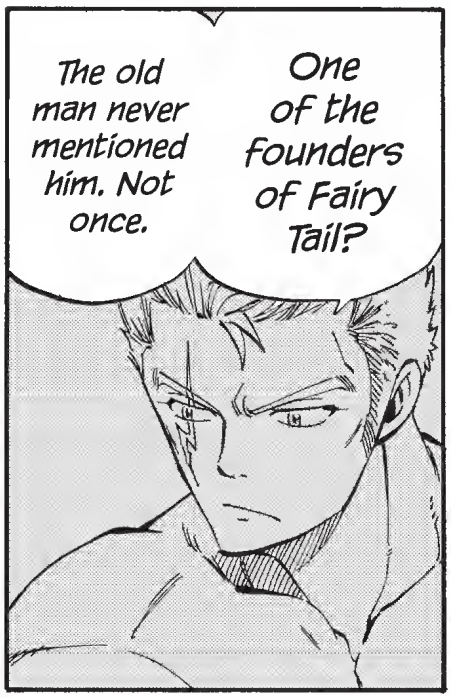

VZZT
VZZT

I told you, that won't...

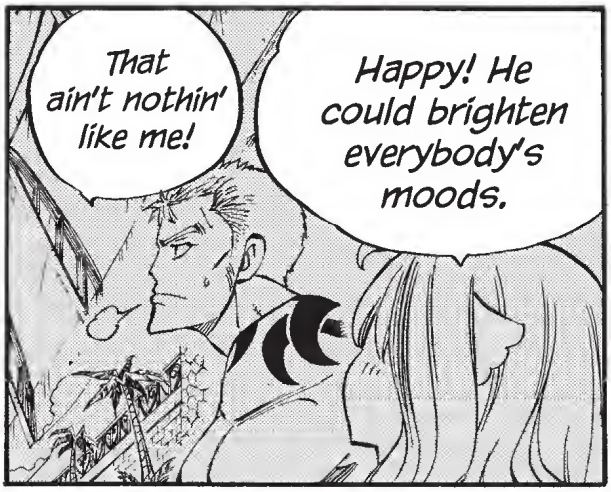
Hya
aa
aa
aa
aa!!!

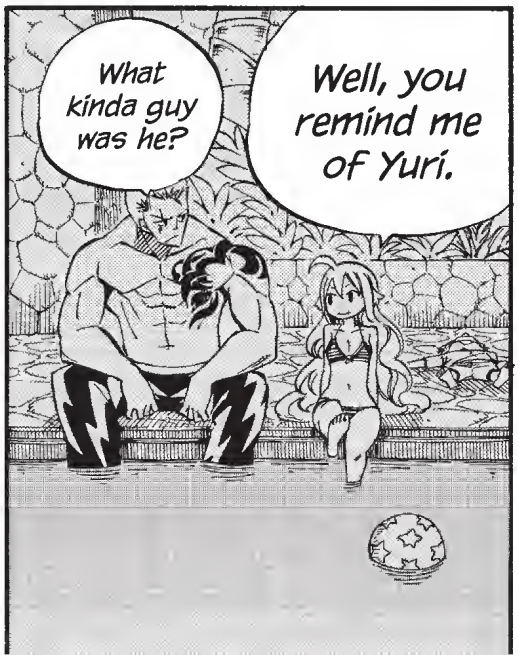
VZZT
VZZT
VZZT
VZZT
VZZT
VZZT
VZZT
VZZT
What is this...?!!
This red-black lightning... I can't analyze it!!!!

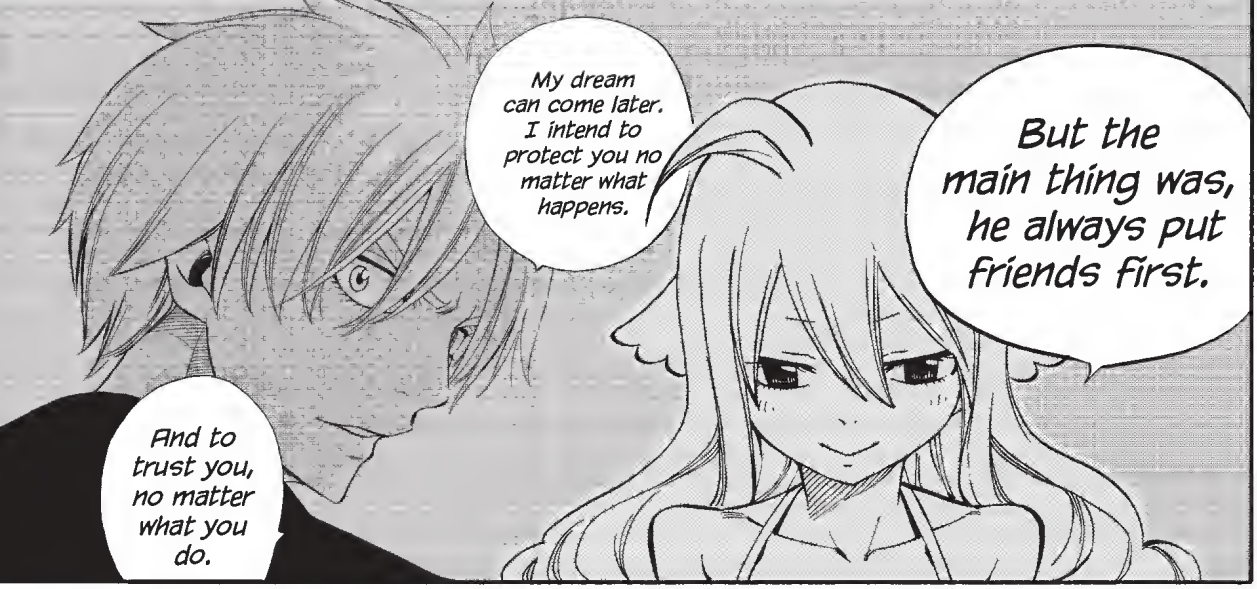
Ryuzetsu Land
KYAAAA
KYAAAA
KYAAAA
Yuri?

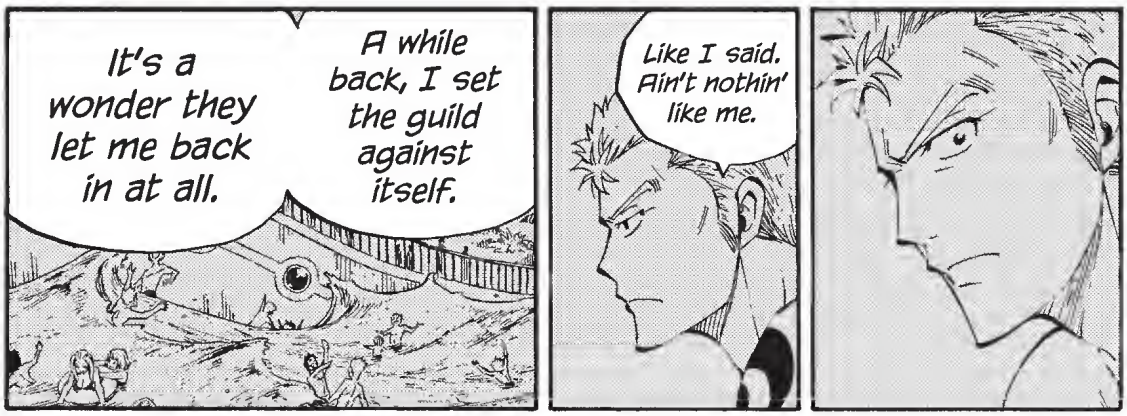

The old man never mentioned him. Not once.
One of the founders of Fairy Tail?

He's Makarov's father...
...which makes him your great grand-father.


That ain't nothin' like me!
Happy! He could brighten everybody's moods.

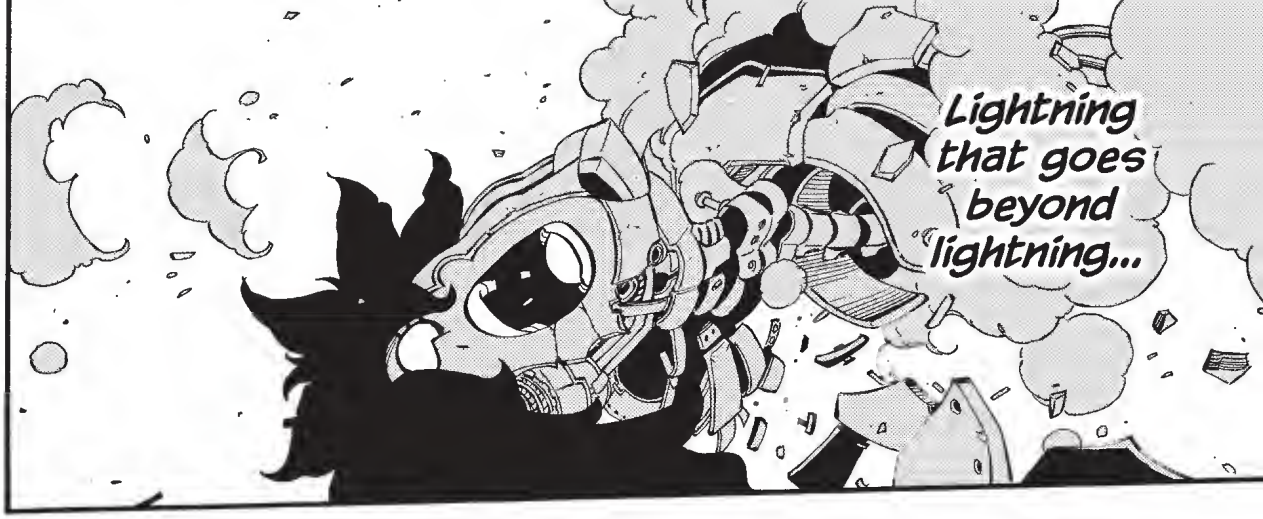

What kinda guy was he?
Well, you remind me of Yuri.

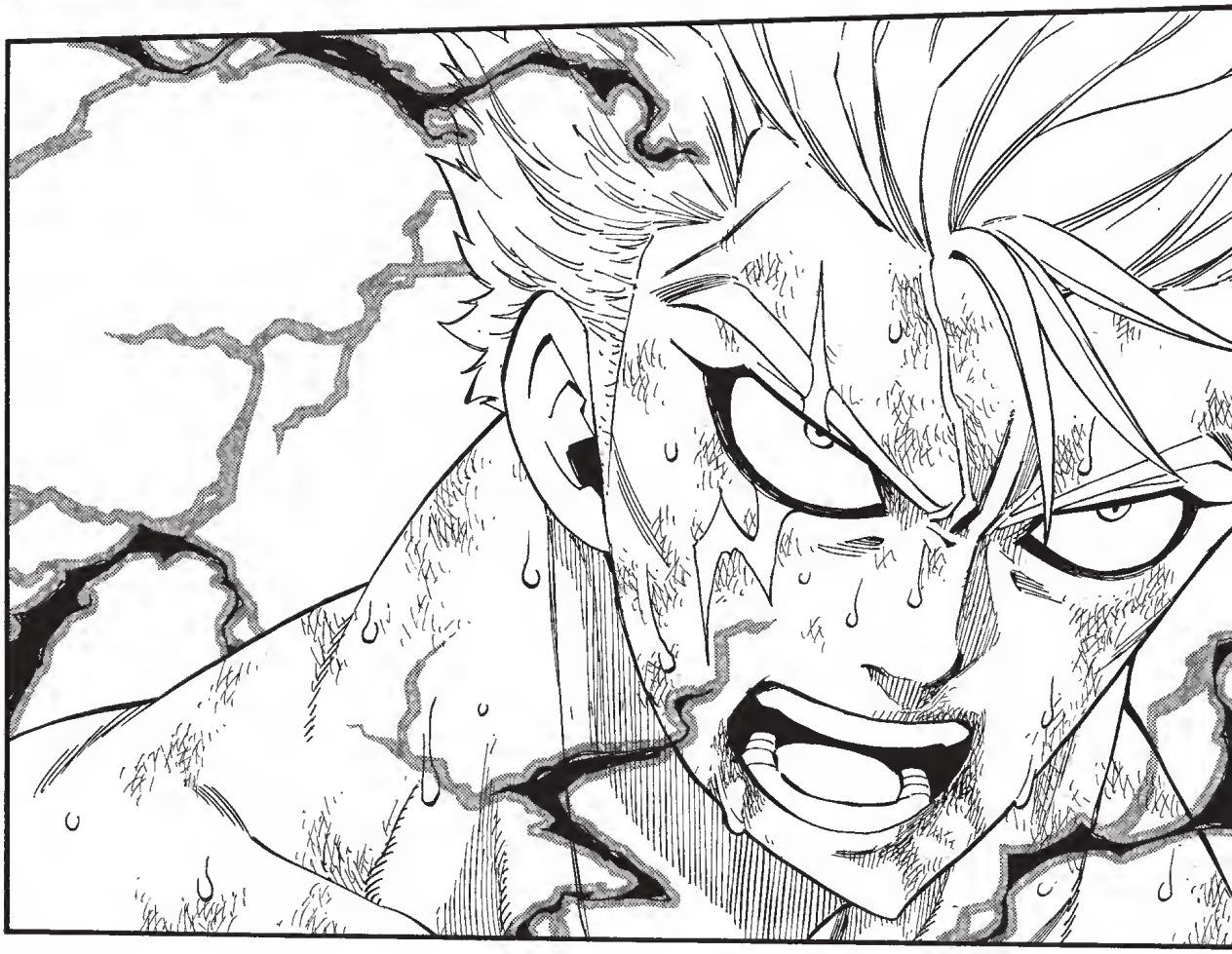

My dream can come later. I intend to protect you no matter what happens.
But the main thing was, he always put friends first.
And to trust you, no matter what you do.


It's a wonder they let me back in at all.
A while back, I set the guild against itself.
Like I said. Ain't nothin' like me.

But you didn't let your mistakes hold you back, right?
That's what makes you just like Yuri.

RAIKÔ:
RED
LIGHTNING
!!!!!
GA-THWOOOM





Red... the color of blood ...

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Afterword

When you spend a long time in this industry, it's surprising just how many things there are that I'd like to talk about but just can't. Obviously, I can't talk about what's to come in the story and other company secrets. But there's also upcoming release info, and details of the product, collaborations with others, and info on the anime. Aside from that, I also hear some gossip about other manga artists or editors, and that isn't something I'd pass on to others anyway.

Whenever I'm told not to say something, I never ever say it. But sometimes I think about it from the point of view of the people producing the work and wonder, "Maybe it'd be good timing to announce it soon..." or "I feel like it'd be okay to at least say that part, right?"

If you're wondering why I'm writing this, it's because I've got something I'm bursting to tell people about, but just can't! I know it isn't fair to only touch on it like this, but the final decision is that I can't. But man, do I want to talk about it!

Having this burning urge to say something can seem like it would be stressful, but you'd be surprised to know that that's not really the case. I do my best not to talk about something that has to stay secret, but as time goes on, I have a tendency to forget about the thing that's supposed to be secret! (Laughs) Then, when the item is about to go on sale or when the collaboration is announced, I'm often like, "Oh, yeah, **that**!" And with all things Fairy Tail, there are so many new items going on sale or new collaborations (and I'm really grateful to them all!) that I sometimes just can't keep them all in my head.

Recently, I've even begun to forget the release dates of my own graphic novels, and I end up remembering only because other authors tweet that they have their books coming out on the same day or because fans tweet that they bought the book. Actually, I want to talk about the new graphic novel as soon as I've drawn the cover, and say to everybody, "Here's the cover for the next volume!" But you can only publicly show the cover just before the release date and sometimes, by that point, I'm already coloring the cover for the next volume. So I end up forgetting about the previous one!

FROM HIRO MASHIMA

In Japan, this volume, Vol. 55, has both a normal version and a special OAD (original animation DVD) version selling at the same time.

It's been a long time since the last OAD, and we really put a lot of love and effort into it. I hope those who bought the special edition enjoy the anime!

The image above has absolutely nothing to do with the main story, but lately I've just been overwhelmed with how cute Brandish is, so I couldn't help myself! I hope I can get her into the main story even more!

Original Jacket Design: Hisao Ogawa

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a difficult language and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 35, Bloodman

In previous volumes, Bloodman was mistranslated as Bradman. We apologize for any confusion.

Page 45, Tenjin no Boreas

Boreas is the name of the Greek God of the North Wind.

Page 165, Magic Confinement fusion

Magic confinement fusion is a play on the concept of magnetic confinement fusion, a process in which fusion reactions for nuclear fusion-based power generation happen within a magnetic field. For nuclear fusion to happen, it needs to be confined and heated until it becomes plasma. The plasma can be held within a magnetic field as the fusion takes place. In this case, it is magic holding the plasma, or to put it in much simpler terms, Wall is about to generate a whole lot of power.

Page 184, Ryuzetsu Land

There is a plant related to the American "century plant" called "Ryûzetsuran" in Japanese. It's a desert plant that lives for quite a long time (although not a century, as its English name implies)—it can live up to some thirty years. Using Japanese pronunciation, "ran" and "land" sound almost identical, so the name of this water park or spa is a play on the name of the plant

Page 186, Raikô

Raikô is the Japanese word for the compound called mercury fulminate, an explosive that is used these days as a means to trigger other explosives. In the past, it was used to replace flint in muzzle-loading firearms, and later, when they started making ammunition that contained its own gunpowder, mercury fulminate was one of the primers they used to fire the bullets (which was later replaced with more efficient compounds).

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フェアリーテイル

HIRO 真島ヒロ MASHIMA

ZUWHAM
WHAM
TENRYÛ NO YOKUGEKI*
!!!!
TENJIN NO BOREAS**
!!!!
WHAM
I'm sure everyone has wished for this at least once, right?
In the south, Wendy and Sherria, the Sky Sisters combine perfectly for a new battle!!
*Sky Dragon's Wing Attack!!!!
**Sky God's Boreas!!!!

Carla!
SHAKE
Carla !!!
"What if I could stop time?"
But when Carla receives an attack that even her foresight couldn't allow her to avoid, does it mean that the Warrior Queen DiMaria has caused a new tragedy...?!

FAIRY TAIL
フェアリーテイル
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On Sale Soon!

NEXT TIME...

A sudden emergency strikes the guild!!!
WOOM
All of the Fairy Tail guild members vanish in an instant!!

BWOOSSH
あっ!
The ghost of the first master, Mavis is also getting attacked by a sadistic, genius master assassin!
Spriggan 12's Jacob Lessio!!
And his mission is to steal Fairy Heart!
Their lives are in your hands now.
What should I do...?
While the guild's in deadly trouble, where are Natsu and Lucy...?!

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Shoya is a bully. When Shoko, a girl who can't hear, enters his elementary school class, she becomes their favorite target, and Shoya and his friends goad each other into devising new tortures for her. But the children's cruelty goes too far. Shoko is forced to leave the school, and Shoya ends up shouldering all the blame. Six years later, the two meet again. Can Shoya make up for his past mistakes, or is it too late?

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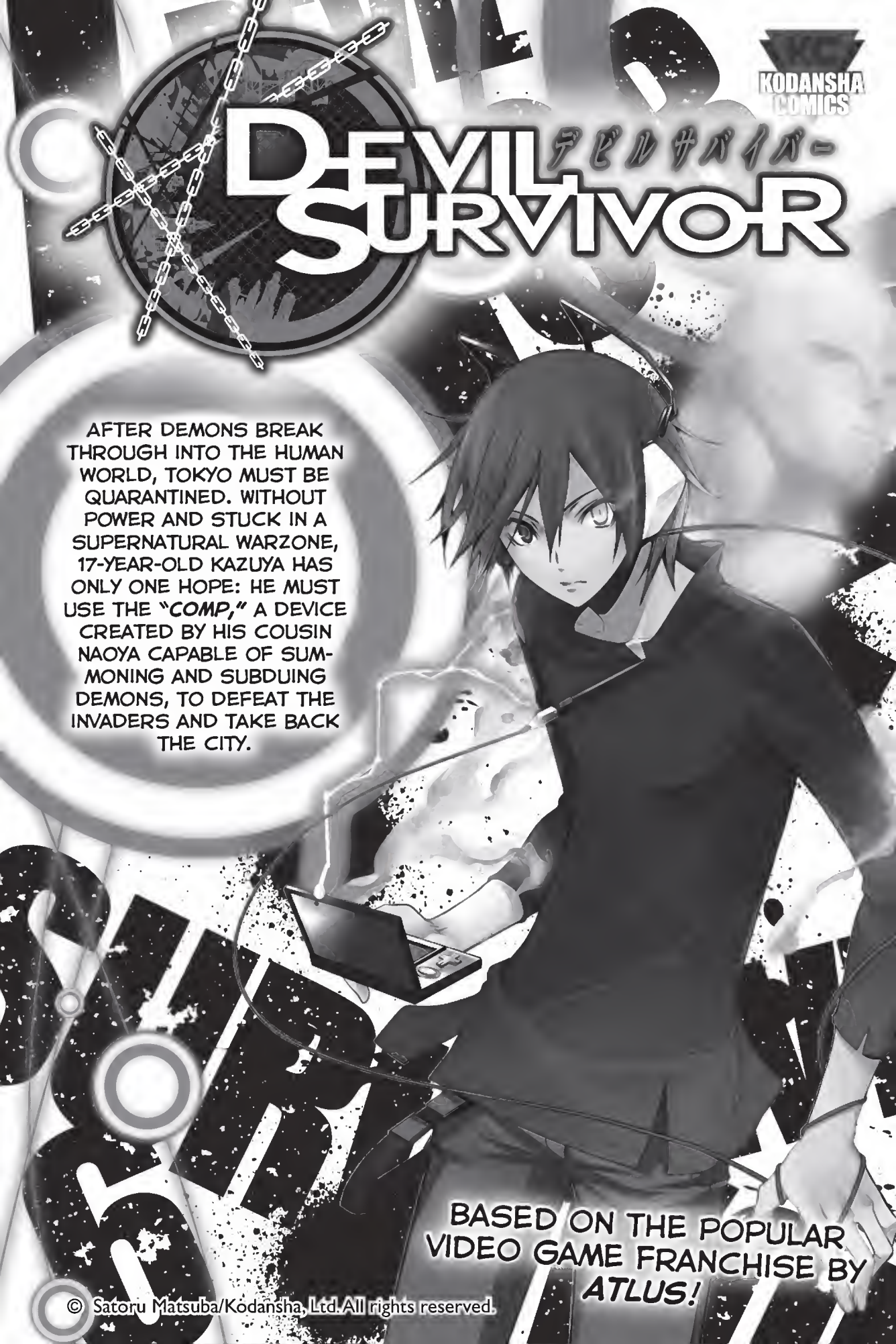

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